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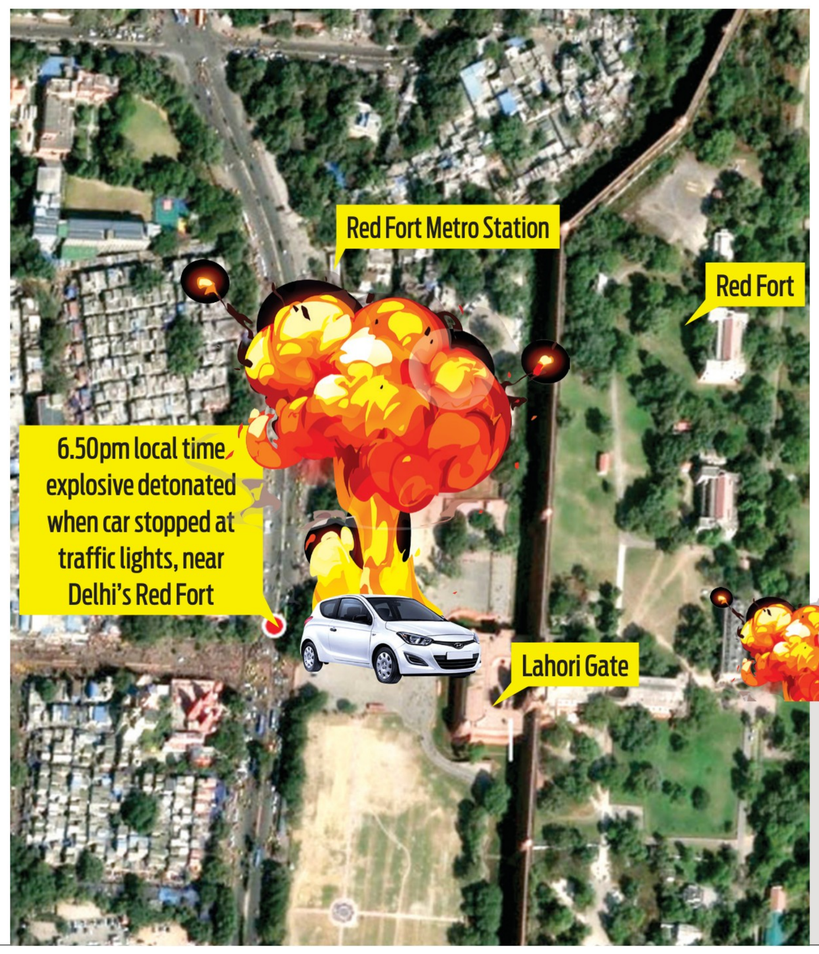
Will get to the bottom of the case: PM Modi

PM speaks to HM on phone from Bhutan; death toll stands at 13; Pulwama doc believed to be occupant in car.

I came to Thimpu with a "heavy heart" in view of the incident in Delhi. Throughout last night, I was in touch with the probe agencies investigating the blast.
—Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

'I wish to assure my fellow citizens that the country's leading investigative agencies are conducting a swift and thorough inquiry into the incident,'.
—Rajnath Singh,
Defence Minister


Red Fort Metro Station
Red Fort
6.50pm local time explosive detonated when car stopped at traffic lights, near Delhi's Red Fort
Lahori Gate

Uncover conspiracy behind blast, bring culprits to book: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the ongoing investigation into the Delhi blast and multi-state searches. Reaffirming Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment to justice, Shah directed officials to uncover the full conspiracy behind the attack and bring all culprits to book without delay. The Home Minister issued strict instructions for coordinated action and rapid progress in the probe.

Bengaluru under security blanket

Bengaluru: The police have stepped up security across key public spaces in Bengaluru following Monday's bomb blast in Delhi. Anti-sabotage squads and bomb disposal units have been placed on standby to respond to any potential threat. Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh said that all police personnel, including senior officers, have been deployed on patrolling duty. "We will sanitise abandoned vehicles across the city. Nakabandi has been enforced on major roads.

Helpline Numbers
LNJP Hospital (where most of the injured are admitted): 011-23233400, Emergency: 011-23239249
AIIMS Trauma Center: 011-26594405
Delhi Police Control Room: 011-22910010 or 011-22910011

PM: Came to Thimpu with a heavy heart

Bhutan: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, the conspirators behind the Delhi car blast will not be spared and the probe agencies investigating it will get to the bottom of the case and bring those responsible for it to justice. Addressing an event marking the 70th birth anniversary of Bhutan's former king Jigme Singye Wangchuck, Prime Minister Modi said, he came to Thimpu with a "heavy heart" in view of the incident in Delhi. The PM said, throughout last night, he was in touch with the probe agencies.

Every culprit will be hunted down: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday chaired a series of high-level security review meetings in the wake of the car blast incident in Delhi, directing officials to ensure that every individual involved is identified and brought to justice. Following the meetings, sources confirmed that the investigation has been handed over to the National Investigation Agency. The Union Home Ministry confirmed that the Home Minister held two back-to-back meetings with top security officials.

DELHI BLAST

₹10 lakh ex-gratia for kin of victims: CM

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesdayalso announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh for those rendered permanently disabled and Rs 2 lakh for those who sustained serious injuries in the blast, which took place after a high-intensity explosion ripped through a slow-moving car at a traffic signal near Gate No. 1 of the Red Fort Metro station on Monday evening, officials said.

BLAST IN DELHI SINCE 1996

1996 Lajpat Nagar blast 13 killed, donxens injured in a busy market explosion.

1997 Serial Blast Across City Explosions hit Sardar Bazar, Karol Bagh, Rani Bagh, Chandini Chowk and a bus in Punjabi Bagh.

2000 Red Fort Attack Terrorists opened fire inside the complex, killing two people.

2001 Parliament attack 9 security per sonnel and staff members killed in a suicide assault on Parliament.

2005 Diwali Eve Blast 67 killed & over 200 injured in Paharganj. Sarojini Nagar and Govindpuri.

2008 Serial Blasts 20 killed in coordinated explosions at Connaught Place, Karol Bagh & Greater Kailash.

2011 Delhi High Court Blasts 15 killed and 79 injured by a briefcase bomb outside the High Court.

2025 Red Fort Metro Blast 13 killed and 24 injured in a powerful explosion near the metro station -the first major strike in 14 years.

Suicide bombing in Islamabad kills 12, hurt 21

ISLAMABAD

At least 12 people were killed and 21 others sustained injuries in a powerful suicide blast outside a court building in Islamabad on Tuesday, local media reported, citing police sources.

The explosion occurred in a car parked near the court premises, causing chaos and panic in the area. According to officials, among the injured were petitioners and lawyers who were present for court proceedings. Following the blast, the court was immediately evacuated through the back exit, and all hearings were suspended for the day. Rescue teams and law enforcement officials rushed to the site, while Islamabad's Deputy Inspector General (DIG), Chief Commissioner, and a forensic team began an investigation.

The injured and deceased were shifted to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) hospital.

Phase-II polls: Bihar records 67% turnout

PATNA

Bihar on Tuesday witnessed a record-breaking turnout of nearly 67 per cent in the second and final phase of polling, wrapping up a nearly month-long exercise that saw the ruling NDA defend its "sushasan" pitch against the opposition's onslaught, promising "change".

The results, which will be declared on November 14, will decide whether Nitish Kumar, the JD(U) president and the longest serving Chief Minister, secures yet another tenure or his former deputy Tejashwi Yadav, who has likened the 20-year-old regime to a "rickety old car" (khataara), takes the wheel.

Briefing reporters, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Vinod Singh Gunjiyal said the state recorded 68.79 per cent voter turnout, provisionally, in the second and final phase of the assembly polls.

In both phases, the state registered a voter turnout of 66.90 per cent, provisionally, which is 9.6 percentage points more than the last assembly polls, the CEO added.

BIHAR Election 2025

In the 2020 assembly polls, the state recorded a voter turnout of 57.29 per cent.

The polling percentage across 122 constituencies comprising 3.70 crore voters, which was higher than the "record" 65.09 turnout registered in the first phase on November 6, was likely to go up, as queues of voters were seen at many booths, officials said.

Kishanganj, the lone Muslim-majority district in the state, recorded the highest polling percentage so far at 76.26, followed by adjoining Katihar (75.23) and Purnea (73.79), Supaul (70.69) and Araria (67.79).

Most of the districts are situated along the border with Nepal, many of them falling in the state's north-eastern region of Kosi- Seemanchal, flood prone and with a high percentage of the minority community.

Turnout has also been high in south Bihar districts like Jamui (67.81 pc), Gaya (67.50 pc) and Kaimur (67.22 pc). The lowest turnout (57.31 pc) was recorded in Nawada, the only district that did not touch the 60 per cent mark till 5 pm.

9 exit polls predict NDA sweep in Bihar

PATNA: As voting for the Bihar Assembly polls concluded on Tuesday, exit polls have predicted a return for the NDA's alliance with a clear majority by securing 130 to 160 seats. Mahagathbadhan, despite all its promises to bring change to Bihar, may fall short with only 70 to 100 seats. People Pulse poll survey said that NDA may get 133-159 seats, Mahagathbandhan will secure around 75-101 seats, while Jan Suraaj may win 0-5 seats, and others may get 2-8 seats. According to the Dainik Bhaskar poll, NDA may get 145-160 seats, Mahagathbandhan may secure 73-91 seats.

'India to build immigration checkpoint near Gelephu'

THIMPU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced that India will soon construct an integrated immigration checkpoint near the border town of Gelephu in Bhutan to further ease the movement of visitors and investors between the two countries.

Addressing a gathering at the Changlimithang Celebration Ground in Thimphu as part of his two-day state visit to the Himalayan nation, PM Modi said the move will strengthen connectivity and ease of movement between the two neighbouring nations.

"I'm making another important announcement from this platform today. In the near future, India will also be building an immigration checkpoint near Gelephu to further facilitate visitors and investors," the Prime Minister said. PM Modi also announced the connection of Gelephu and Samtse to India's vast railway network, noting that upon completion, this project will significantly improve access for Bhutanese industries and farmers to India's large market. He added that in addition to rail and road connectivity, both countries are rapidly advancing border infrastructure.

Emphasising the deep-rooted partnership between India and Bhutan, PM Modi highlighted that the progress and prosperity of both countries are closely linked, noting India's previous commitment to providing Rs 10,000 crore for Bhutan's Five-Year Plan.

According to the Indian Embassy in Thimphu, Rs 7,000 crore of the announced Rs 10,000 crore has been earmarked for Project Tied Assistance (PTA) projects, Rs 1,000 crore for High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP), Rs 1,500 crore for RGoB's Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) and Rs 500 crore for Programme Grant.

QUICK READ

₹100 cr for biomass-based hydrogen pilots'

NEW DELHI

Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy Shri Pralhad Joshi said that the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) is accelerating India's clean energy shift and creating jobs, attracting investments, and positioning India as a global hub for green hydrogen. He was addressing the inaugural session of the 3rd International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH 2025) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, reaffirming India's global leadership in clean-energy transition.

'Sudan relief opss on brink of collapse'

CAIRO

The U.N. migration agency warned on Tuesday that humanitarian efforts in Sudan's war-torn North Darfur region might come to a complete halt unless immediate funding and safe delivery of relief supplies are ensured. "Despite the rising need, humanitarian operations are now on the brink of collapse," the International Organization for Migration. It added: Warehouses are nearly empty, aid convoys face significant insecurity, and access restrictions continue to prevent the delivery of sufficient aid."

CYBER FRAUD

Gujarat cybercrime unit dismantles pan-India racket

AHMEDABAD

In a major breakthrough, the Ahmedabad Cyber Crime Police have busted a six-member interstate cyber fraud gang that allegedly duped a city businessman of Rs 32.7 lakh through a fake export deal involving a "homeopathic medicine" and later funnelled the money to a Nigerian cyber syndicate.

The accused, operating from multiple cities including Jamnagar, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, were caught after a meticulous digital and human intelligence operation led by senior officers of the Cyber Crime Unit.

'The operation revealed a well-coordinated racket spread across Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Karnataka'

The Ahmedabad Cyber Crime Police have exposed a sophisticated international scam, arresting six members of a gang that channelled money from Indian victims to a Nigerian cyber network through fake pharmaceutical export deals. The operation revealed a well-coordinated racket spread across Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.

The case came to light when businessman Nihar Verma filed a complaint stating that he had been duped of Rs 32.72 lakh by fraudsters posing as representatives of an African pharmaceutical company.

The gang had contacted him online, claiming they sought an Indian supplier for Eupatorium Mercola, a homeopathic liquid used in Africa for treating malaria and dengue.

The fraudsters lured Verma into believing he could earn huge profits by sourcing the product from a supposed Indian vendor, Sharma Enterprises Manufacturing, and reselling it to the African buyer.

Initially, to gain his trust, the complainant was asked to purchase a sample worth Rs 5.52 lakh, which was supposedly verified by an African "lab scientist" in Delhi named Moshin Murray.

Convinced that the deal was legitimate, Verma proceeded with a larger order, transferring Rs 27 lakh as an advance to a bank account shared by the accused.

However, when he personally visited the claimed address of Sharma Enterprises in Bhilwara, Rajasthan, he discovered that no such company existed, exposing the elaborate online conspiracy.

RERA to BDA: No exemption, register NPKL Project

The BDA had argued that it was a statutory authority, not a real estate promoter, and therefore should be exempt from RERA regulations

BENGALURU

Rejecting the Bangalore Development Authority's (BDA) plea to stay outside its jurisdiction, the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) has directed the BDA to register the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL) Project under its purview.

The order came in response to a petition filed over the delay in developing the layout.

The BDA had argued that it was a statutory authority, not a real estate promoter, and therefore should be exempt from RERA regulations.

RERA, however, ruled that under Section 2(zk)(iii) of the RERA Act, any development authority or public body that constructs or develops land or

buildings for sale to the public qualifies as a "promoter". It further stated that the RERA Act has an overriding effect on other laws.

While the BDA Act, 1976, governs planning and land development, RERA is a later and special enactment meant to regulate real estate projects and protect homebuyers. It does not interfere with the planning powers, but regulates transactions involving development and sale to allottees.

Therefore, the contention that RERA interferes with planning powers is misplaced. Thus, to the extent of development, sale and delivery of plots, RERA has an overriding effect, the order said.

Dismissing the BDA's claim that its projects were government welfare schemes rather than profit-oriented ventures, RERA said the purpose of the project, profit or not was irrelevant. Even non-profit promoters come under RERA if they sell real estate, the authority noted.

The BDA's reliance on being a 'Welfare Authority' is misleading. The fact that BDA undertakes welfare schemes or subsidised allotments does not exempt it from statutory compliance when it sells plots. RERA ensures transparency, accountability, and time-bound development, the order stated.

'Register and furnish all details'

Directing compliance, RERA instructed the BDA to register the NPKL Project and furnish details such as layout approvals, sanctioned plans, development status, financial disclosures, and other relevant project documents.

Speed up sterilisation of street dogs: BWCC chief

BENGALURU

Bengaluru West City Corporation (BWCC) Commissioner Dr KV Rajendra has directed officials to expedite the sterilization of street dogs within their limits.

While reviewing a meeting on the progress of Animal Husbandry Department's programmes and their compliance with the Supreme Court directives on stray dog management, he stressed the need for effective implementation of such initiatives.

The chief veterinary officer informed the meeting that there are 63,340 community dogs in the BWCC limits. Two ABC–ARV (Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination) centers (one per zone) have a combined capacity of 171 kennels. These centers, operated by two service providers, have so far conducted 4,068 sterilization surgeries and administered 27,581 ARV and CV vaccines on strays.

In reply, Rajendra said the department is functioning commendably with the available infrastructure. However, measures need to be taken to enhance operational efficiency and ensure compliance with Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) standards and SC guidelines.

There is sufficient stock of ARV vaccines with the corporation to meet public requirements, he added.

Key directions

- Take steps to accelerate the progress of sterilization programmes.
- Recommend to the AWBI to simplify regulations in the ABC–ARV tender process to enable participation of more service providers.
- Encourage adoption drives for dogs housed in long-term care facilities.
- Identify and designate specific locations for dog feeding.
- Conduct public awareness programmes to bring all departmental initiatives to the notice of citizens. feeding.
- Ensure that pending payments related to ABC–ARV programmes are cleared promptly.

QUICK READ

Suspicious bag found in Bengaluru after Delhi incident

Bengaluru

A suspicious bag was found at KSRTC Bus Stand in Majestic Terminal-2 after a car blast near the Red Fort in Delhi. The owner of the bag, which had been in the same place for the last two hours, had gone missing for some time. However, according to the officials, it was a bag that was left behind by a passenger and there was no need to panic. The police are currently searching for the owner of the bag.

Protest to save JP Nagar Park in Bengaluru

Bengaluru

Residents of JP Nagar on Monday staged a protest demanding the protection of a park at the 17th Cross Road. It is alleged that a borewell was dug in the middle of the road adjacent to the park. Jayanagar MLA □□ Ramamurthy's supporters dug a borewell in the middle of the road and pumped the water into the park. Residents alleged that they were trying to construct the plant and provide it to the locals. This is the only park where the elderly can walk and children can play. Locals are apprehensive that they will be in dire straits if it is converted into a unit. Locals are angry that this is being done to impress someone and have demanded that the attempt be stopped immediately.

Sub-registrar create fake son, loot property

Bengaluru

The CCB police have arrested Naveen and BTM Layout Sub-Registrar Roopa in connection with the fraudulent registration of land worth crores of rupees by forging documents.Naveen, the main accused in the multi-crore fraud in the name of Navayuga Property, has been arrested in another state. Roopa, a Sub-Registrar of BTM Layout, has been arrested by the CCB police for allegedly helping in illegal registration of land worth hundreds of crores. The massive fraud pertains to acres of land near Begur.

24% drop in MMR due to state govt's inflexible steps: Min

BENGALURU

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said that the stringent measures by the state government has brought down the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by 24%.

He told reporters that while a total of 483 maternal deaths were recorded from January to October of last year, 366 maternal deaths were recorded from January to October this year. This represents a 24% decrease in maternal deaths.

Every taluk hospital and every well-functioning Community Health Centre (CHC) will provide Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (SEMC) services 24 hours a day. Our specialist doctors have been placed in hospitals and emergency care centres with high maternity burden in places where they are most needed, he said.

In the coming days, the taluk hospital will have two gynecologists, a pediatrician, and an anesthesiologist each, and a radiologist, and delivery facilities will be available 24 hours a day. In this context, he said, a specialist doctor and two staff nurses from the CHC, which handles less than 30 deliveries per month, will

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> —Dinesh Gundu Rao, Health Minister

be transferred to the taluk hospital.

We will continue to have one gynecologist, anesthesiologist and pediatrician each in CHCs with more than 30 deliveries. Two MBBS doctors will be filled in the place of specialist doctors in the community health center. He explained that spontaneous abortions can be done in the community health center itself, and pediatricians will be continued.

Under the Compulsory Medical Services Scheme, 125 super specialty posts are being created to provide advanced healthcare facilities and manage complications. Out of these, cardiologists, neurologists, nephrologists, oncologists, gastroenterologists, pulmonologists, geriatricians and critical care specialists will be appointed to address the shortage of specialist doctors in district hospitals, he said.

Super-specialists will be posted in 15 district hospitals. Additional posts of 104 radiologists and 23 doctors will be created. Specialists from 200 underperforming CHCs will be redeployed to more functional hospitals, he said.

By providing more doctor services in taluk hospitals, the number of people going to private hospitals or district hospitals will decrease. There is no need for stop nurses in PHCs with zero births. They will be shifted to PHCs with more births. There is a need to improve our efficiency. If we make proper use of our human resources, we can demand the appointment of additional doctors from the Finance Department, he said.

Many doctors are sitting without work. They are being paid lakhs of rupees in salary. 192 posts have been sanctioned but are vacant. We have made a new attendance system in government hospitals. Already about 95 percent of the staff have registered for the mobile biometric attendance system.

'Make wards filth-free and lift Star Ratings'

Bengaluru West City Corporation (BWCC) Commissioner Dr KV Rajendra has instructed officials to conduct an intensive cleanliness drive across major roads, markets, and residential areas under the corporation limits.

Garbage piles and blackspots (waste dumping areas) must be cleared immediately. Special attention should be given to maintaining cleanliness and hygiene around Indira Canteens. Pourakarmikas and Junior Health Inspectors (JHIs) should take active participation in the drive to ensure effective supervision at the division level.

All accumulated waste and debris collected in tractors must be cleared within a week, and ward-wise progress reports should be submitted to the Commissioner's office, he said.

To ensure sustained cleanliness across city, a 'Ward Swachcha Sarvekshan Ranking' initiative will be implemented every month. Wards will be awarded 'Star Ratings' based on their cleanliness standards and operational efficiency.

Additional Commissioner Digvijay Bodke, Joint Commissioners Sangappa and Arathi Anand, Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Venkatesh, representatives from the Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited (BMSWML), and other senior officials attended the meeting.

'Settle issues through coordination'

BENGALURU

BWCC Commissioner Dr KV Rajendra instructed officials to promptly resolve the issues at Chokkasandra Lake and the adjoining park through effective inter-departmental coordination.

During his visit to the Chokkasandra Lake, the park, and surrounding areas to review the situation, he interacted with locals and listened to their grievances. He directed BWSSB and the City Corporation officials to coordinate closely and resolve the problems without delay. He also visited the mustering point and reviewed the attendance of auto tippers and pourakarmikas. He also paid visit to the Indira Canteen, interacted with the public, and inspected the quality and hygiene of the food.

At TVS Cross, he inspected the ongoing white-topping roadwork.

2 held for stealing 1,300 grams of gold

BENGALURU

Police have arrested two men who allegedly stole 1,300 grams of gold worth Rs 1.6 crore by selling it and promising to pay for it.

The arrested have been identified as Zeeran Sakaria and Rajendra Sakaria.

A few months ago, the accused were introduced to B Harshit. After that, they took 1300 grams of gold bars worth Rs 1.60 crore from the woman and said that they would sell them. After receiving the gold, they did not pay for it even after three months. Due to this, the woman filed a complaint at the Ulsoor Gate police station.

Pharma firm caught in ₹ 2.2-cr cyber fraud

BENGALURU

CRIME

A corporate payment almost vanished into a cyber-criminals' maze when fraudsters hacked an email trail and diverted a whopping Rs 2.2 crore meant for a business transaction.

However, a swift and timely action by the victim on the national cybercrime helpline (1930) helped Bengaluru police foil the digital heist. Sleuths from Central Crime Branch (CCB) will head to Madhya Pradesh in search of the cybercriminals who allegedly siphoned off the funds from a Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical company.Police were able to trace the money to a bank account in Madhya Pradesh, which has since been frozen.

The complaint, filed by Mahesh Babu K from Rajajinagar, north Bengaluru, said Group Pharmaceuticals, a city-based company, was engaged in business with Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Hyderabad.

"Group Pharmaceuticals had supplied goods to Dr Reddy's Laboratories and was expecting a payment of almost Rs 2.2 crore. However, on Nov 3, hackers allegedly gained unauthorised access to the email communication between the companies and sent fraudulent emails to Dr Reddy's finance team, impersonating Group Pharmaceuticals officials and providing fake bank account details.

Consequently, Dr Reddy's transferred the money on Nov 4 to the fraudulent account, the complaint stated. In a statement, Dr Reddy's Laboratories clarified, the incident involved impersonation of a vendor's email address with the intent to redirect a legitimate payment. With timely detection and swift action by our teams and banking partners, the funds have been frozen, and there has been no financial loss to the company or the vendor.

As an example of how this fraud took place, the CCB has cited a land case belonging to one Mukunda. Mukunda's father Nagaraj Shetty had forged documents and illegally executed a sale deed. He had falsely claimed to be the son of Nagaraj Shetty. However, in reality, Nagaraj Shetty is the son of NY Ganesh. There was no son of that name.

DST wants deeptech startup funds raised

BENGALURU

Abhay Karandikar, Secretary at the Department of Science and Technology (DST), said that currently only about 10 percent of startup funding in India is directed towards deeptech ventures.

The Department of Science and Technology has recently set up a Rs 1 lakh crore R&D and Innovation (RDI) fund to provide patient capital to deep-tech startups working on frontier technologies such as quantum computing, advanced communications, AI, robotics, and drones. The RDI fund is intended to address this gap by providing support that could encourage private and venture capital investment, with the goal of raising the share of deepTech funding to 30–50 percent over the next five years. Private and venture capital investments in the last decade have been limited to deep tech because the payoff cycle is longer and risks are higher. The RDI fund will bridge that gap and help innovators build products of global standards, Karandikar told.

The fund is expected to become operational within the next two months. We believe that once the govt mitigates the initial risks, venture capital will follow. That's what happened in the broader startup ecosystem over the last decade, Karandikar added.

India is positioning itself to take an early lead in setting global 6G standards and developing indigenous technologies, a shift from its late entry into the 5G ecosystem, according to a senior official at the Department of Telecommunications. Unlike 5G,where India joined the process after many standards were already frozen, the country is now contributing to 6G specifications right from the beginning, he said. We expect that in terms of standards-essential patents and IPRs, India has the potential to contribute in a very significant way. The government's Bharat 6G Alliance, which brings together academia, startups, and private sector players, is driving early-stage work on 6G technologies. India's 6G vision, aligned with the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) International Mobile Technology (IMT)-2030 framework, envisages an integrated communication ecosystem connecting terrestrial, satellite, and aerial networks with embedded AI and sensing capabilities. The 6G rollout will require a complete infrastructure upgrade, from base stations to devices, Karandikar said, adding that standards are expected to be finalised by 2030.

PATH CLEARED

Residents-GBA collab makes footpath better

BENGALURU

A major blackspot on Cooke Town's Davis Road has been transformed into a clean, walkable footpath following a cleanliness drive organised by Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) over the weekend.

Residents said the 100-metre stretch, located at the Davis Road-Hennur Main Road Junction in the Sarvagnanagar

Assembly constituency, had been used as a dumping site for garbage and construction debris for nearly two years.

The drive, conducted in collaboration with the Cooke Town Residents' Association (CTRA), saw civic workers and Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) personnel clear waste, repaint compound walls, and restore the footpath for pedestrian use. The makeover has not only improved walkability but also removed a long-standing eyesore from the neighbourhood.

The Sarvagnanagar team earned the first prize of Rs 1 lakh announced by BNCC for the best-performing team as part of the initiative. This is a proud moment for Cooke Town and a shining example of effective collaboration between residents and civic authorities, said Mathew Verghese, Secretary of CTRA. In a statement, the association said, CTRA is very happy and proud to be part of this exercise. We hope to see more such clean-up drives and continued collaboration going forward.

Koti Vruksha Abhiyana boosts green cover from 0.17% to 2.4%: Min

A special government grant was also secured in 2016 to support the programme

BENGALURU

Under the 'Koti Vruksha Abhiyana' in Vijayapura, over 1.5 crore saplings have been planted in the past nine years. By 2030, an additional 3.5 crore saplings will be planted, taking the total to five crore, said District In-charge Minister MB Patil, who spear-headed the initiative.

Addressing the media in Vidhana Soudha after releasing the poster, T-shirt, and medal for 'Vrukshathon 2025' on Tuesday, the Minister highlighted the remarkable progress achieved through the initiative.

Back in 2016, the district had a mere 0.17% forest cover. That year, the 'Koti Vruksha Abhiyana' was launched by the district administration, in collaboration with several or-ganisations and the BLDE Association, on a non-partisan basis. As a result, the green cover has now expanded to 2.4%. Vijayapura has also secured the third position in the country for air quality. The groundwater level has improved, soil fertility has increased, and re-forestation efforts have gained momentum. Additionally, the average tempera-ture has dropped by 0.5°C, while annual rainfall has risen from 550 mm to about 650 mm, he explained.

'Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam'

Through the 'Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam', 10 lakh saplings were distributed each year for the first five years under the CSR fund. Farmers received saplings of their choice free of cost, the Minister said.

A special government grant was also secured in 2016 to support the programme. The initiative will continue over the next 5–10 years, with the aim of achieving the five-crore planting target availing such facilities. The number of rainy days in the district has also increased from 20–30 to nearly 40 days a year, he added.

The Koti Vruksha Abhiyana has played a major role in enhancing biodiversity in Vija-yapura, with over 180 species of trees planted so far. These saplings are maintained using drip irrigation and solar-powered water systems. Around one lakh saplings have been planted around Bhuthanala lake, which supplies water to Vijayapura city, the minister said.

Green belt around Mamadapura lake area

Similarly, a green belt has been developed around the Mamadapura lake area, where 1.27 lakh saplings have been planted across 1,600 acres, with another 20,000 to be added soon. Minister Patil noted that this initiative has become a model for other districts to emulate.

Several innovative practices have been introduced under the Koti Vruksha Abhiyana, including planting a sapling on one's birthday, Vruksha Bandhan on Raksha Bandhan, the April Cool campaign, and presenting saplings as gifts at social func-tions.

Campaign coordinator Murugesh Pattana Shetty and office-bearers Veerendra Guchchatti, Dr Raju Yalagonde, Somu Math Guruji, and Nandeesh Hundekar were present on the occasion.

Vrukshathon 2025 in Vijayapura on Dec 7

The Vrukshathon 2025 run will be held at Vijay-apura district headquarters on Decem-ber 7, with over 15,000 participants expected to take part in it, said the Minister. Students, police personnel, army staff, members of the Vijayapura Cycling Group, the For-est Department, and more than 50 organisations will actively participate. A total prize amount of Rs 10 lakh has been announced. The event features 5 km, 10 km, and 21 km runs, open to participants of all age groups. Interested individuals can register at www.vrukhothon.co.in, said Patil. This year's Vrukshathon route has been designed to cover Vijayapura's prominent heritage landmarks, including Gol Gumbaz, Gagan Ma-hal, Sundarreshwara Temple, Sainik School, Narasimha Swamy Temple, Siddheshwara Temple, Ibrahim Roza, and Bara Kaman, he added.

Min to flag off new B'luru-Davanagere Flybus today

BENGALURU

Here is a good news for frequent travelers on Bengaluru-Davangere route. Transport and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy will flag off a new direct Flybus service between the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru, and Davanagere on November 12.

The inaugural ceremony will be held at KIA Terminal-2 at 10:30 am. Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister KH Muniyappa will preside over the function.

The initiative is part of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's (KSRTC) continued efforts to ensure enhanced and comfortable transport services to passengers. The KSRTC will provide a complimentary light snack kit of state-owned Nandini products for those travel on these Flybuses.

KSRTC chairman and Gubbi MLA, Chikkaballapur MP, KSRTC Vice-Chairman, Transport De-partment secretary, KSRTC Managing Director, and other dignitaries will be present.

BMTC launches temple tour package from Majestic

BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has introduced a new tour package covering various temples in the city on weekends and public holidays.

The service starts at the Kempegowda Bus Station (Majestic) at 8.30 am and ends at the same place at 7.45 pm. It covers Sri Nageshwara Temple, Begur; Sri Kote Thimmaraya Temple, Bettadasanapura; Sri Madduramma Temple, Huskur; Sri Varadara-jaswamy Chowdeshwari, Narayanaghatta; Sri Sushil Dham-Jain Temple, Guddatti Gate; Sri Bhoo Varaha Swamy Temple, Mugalur; Chikktirupati; Sri Shaneshwara Swamy Temple, Gunjur; and Sri Jaganatha Temple, Agara.

The fare is Rs 550 per adult and Rs 400 per child. For details, visit www.mybmtc.com or www.ksrtc.in, said a press release.

QUICK READ

Get training for competitive exams

Bengaluru

State Brahmin Development Board has invited online applications from Brahmin com-munity candidates to get training for administrative civil services such as IAS or KAS competitive examinations under the Chanakya Administrative Training Scheme for the year 2025-26. The candidate will be admitted to the competitive examinations in the year 2025-26 and the fee will be refunded directly to the students through Direct De-posit (DBT) up to a maximum of Rs 1.00 lakh. Interested candidates can submit their applications on the website https://ksbdb.co.in/las or by scanning the QR code by 5.00 pm on December 15, the State Brahmin Development Board said in a statement.

President and Vice President elected

BENGALURU

The election of the president and vice-president of the Ramohalli Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society was held here on Tuesday. B Jayaram and KH Thimmegowda were elected unopposed as the new president and vice-president respectively.

HB Lokesh, inspector of Cooperative Societies, who acted as the Returning Officer in the election process of the Society, which consists of 13 directors, announced the elec-tion results.

B Jayaram, accepting the felicitation by the directors and the locals, assured of working hard for the all-round development of the society and the farmers.

"Till now the cooperative society has provided good service to the farmers and provided crop loans to the farmers and loan facilities to the Women's Self-Help Association," he said.

Thimmegowda said that the government will work hard to adequately provide the coop-erative society shareholders with the cultivation land, facilities and projects.

Former president V Venugopal, Ramohalli Gram Panchayat president Mahesh. Che-than, G Ravikumar, Ashok Ramasandra, Manjunath and others were present.

Royal hospitality to terrorists in jail a Cong-sponsored act: Ashoka

BENGALURU

Opposition Leader R Ashoka expressed outrage, alleging that the Congress govern-ment, which is appeasing terrorists, is providing them with luxurious facilities in jail.

Speaking to media persons after a protest near Race Course Road, he said that royal hospitality is being extended to terrorists who aim to divide the country and kill Hindus. When the cooker bomb blast occurred, they called them 'brother.' They even served bi-ryani to those who shouted 'Pakistan Zindabad.' The Congress is indirectly supporting terrorists. Despite spending 5 crore rupees to install hundreds of CCTV cameras in the jail, they have been turned off. He questioned how all the cameras could be switched off at the same time.

Bombs, meat, ganja, and mobiles are entering the jail without detection. It goes unno-ticed that prisoners are watching item songs on TV. The intelligence team doesn't get any information. Prisoners are using mobiles to blackmail and earn money from it. Po-lice are cooperating in this. The Congress government has set terrorists free. Just like guarantees, royal hospitality in jail is being provided for free, he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has not sought any report related to the jail in the last two years.

He went to the Supreme Court over actor Darshan's smoking incident. But let him explain what kind of strict action he will take against terrorists. This is a Congress-sponsored act. Due to a soft stance towards Muslims, all this is happening. This has brought a bad name to the entire Karnataka. Even Bihar doesn't have such a situation, he said.

Everyone is busy in the tussle for the Chief Minister's post. In the midst of this, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara is doing nothing. The police department has become in-active, he said.

Who are those peace messengers who use RDX: Ravi asks CM

BENGALURU

"Who are the people who use RDX explosives and collect it. The Chief Minister should tell which religion of peace they belong to," BJP former National General Secretary and MLC CT Ravi has challenged. He said that the Chief Minister had recently said that Islam means peace in a meeting. Let's accept that. Dr Ahmed Mohiuddin Sayeed is not a doctor who saves lives. He was a person who was preparing for mass genocide. He asked which religion of peace he belonged to. An-other Syed Mohammed Suhail and Azad questioned which religion of peace they be-longed to.

RDX has been found across the country. Which peace envoy sent it. He demanded that the Chief Minister should get a report on this from the Intelligence Bureau. Didn't you give a mobile phone to another terrorist in the jail here. Which peace envoy is he. He asked whether he gave a mobile phone in the Parappana Agrahara jail in Karna-taka to help him carry out bomb blasts across the country.

Foreigner held with 537 grams of MDMA crystals worth ₹ 1.07 crore

BENGALURU

The officers and staff of Avalahalli Police Station received credible information from an informant that a foreign national residing in a house near Kammasandra Circle, within the station limits, was selling banned narcotic substance MDMA crystals to his known associates and earning money through illegal means.

Acting on this information, the police team rushed to the location, con-ducted a raid, and apprehended the foreign national.Upon interrogation, the accused confessed that he had been purchasing MDMA crystals at a lower price from unknown persons and selling them at a higher price for profit.

During the operation, the police seized 537 grams of MDMA crystals of various colors from the possession of the accused. The total value of the seized contraband is Rs 1,07,40,000. A case has been registered under the NDPS Act and the Foreigners Act at Avalahalli Police Station. The accused was produced before the Court, which has remanded him to judicial custody.

This successful operation was conducted under the guidance of K Pa-rashuram, Deputy Commissioner of Police and Reena Suvarna, Assis-tant Commissioner of Police, Whitefield Sub-Division, by Ramakrishnareddy, Police Inspector, Avalahalli Police Station, along with other of-ficers and staff members.

The case must be handled on priority which will enable the Police Department to gain confidence of public

Prison mobile scandal: Another FIR if neces-sary, says top cop

BENGALURU

An FIR has been registered in the viral video case of special hospitality being shown to some prisoners in Parappana Agrahara Jail in Bengaluru. An actor has been sum-moned for questioning and another FIR will be registered if necessary, said City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh.

Videos of Juhab Shakeel Manna, an ISIS terrorist recruiter; serial killer Umesh Reddy, and gold smuggling accused Tarun Raj, were allegedly found using mobile phones inside the jail in a recent viral video.

On suspicion of making the videos viral, actor Dhanveer, a close friend of Darshan Thugudeepa, was questioned by the CCB police. No such videos were apparently found on Dhanveer's mobile phone.

Two officers have been arrested in the Parappana Agrahara Central Jail inmates' special hospitality case. Jail Superintendent Mageri and Assistant Superintendent Ashok Bhajantri have been suspended, he added.

'High-powered panel formed for probe'

Similarly, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara had issued an important order on Monday transferring the Chief Superintendent of Jail K Suresh.

A high-powered committee has also been formed to investigate the case. After the re-port comes, the guilty officers will be dismissed or suspended from service. The Home Minister had informed that for the first time, an IPS-level officer will be appointed to manage the Parappana Agrahara Central Jail.

A high-powered committee has been formed under the leadership of ADGP (Law and Order) R Hitendra to review the activities in all the jails in the state. IPS officers Sandeep Patil, Amarnath Reddy, and CB Rishyanth and SPs and DCs of the respec-tive districts will be part of the committee.

CCTVs have already been installed in all the jails in the state, and within 15 days, a technical audit will be conducted and arrangements will be made to make all those CCTV footage available for viewing in the Prisons Department, the Home Minister had said.

Saying senior police officers should visit prisons at least once a month, the Home Min-ister had instructed the officers that if such incidents recur, the prison superintendent himself would be held responsible.

KNOWLEDGE IS WEALTH

Govt putting greater stress on edu for minori-ties: Khan

BENGALURU

The Congress government in the state is giving greater emphasis to the education of children belonging to minority communities, said Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan.

Inaugurating the National Teachers' Day celebrations at Devaraj Urs Bhavan, he said that 65 to 70% of the department's budget is being utilized for education purposes.

He explained that the department is providing quality education, uniforms, shoes, and basic infrastructure in schools and hostels under its purview so that children can pur-sue their studies comfortably.

Today's students are the future of our nation. The department has prepared an action plan to provide them education, vocational training, and employment opportunities, he added.

Recalling that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of independent India, was a visionary, he said, as we celebrate his birth anniversary as National Edu-cation Day, we must all strive to fulfill his dream. Providing quality education and effec-tive teaching is the true tribute we can offer him. Teachers have a major role to play in this.

He further stated that in 2023, around 1.20 lakh students were studying in schools and residential schools under the department. That number has now increased to 2.30 lakh, and the target is to raise it to 3.55 lakh in the next two years.

Students pursuing MBBS are being given scholarships up to Rs 5 lakh, benefiting 1,605 students this year. Coaching for IAS, IPS, and KAS examinations is being pro-vided at Haj Bhavan, and among 400 candidates trained last year, 109 have secured jobs, he said.

Minister Madhu Bangarappa, Chief Minister's Political Secretary Naseer Ahmed, Guar-antee Implementation Committee Vice-President Mehroze Khan, MLA Rizwan Arshad, and KMDC Chairman Altaf Khan were present on the occasion.

QUICK READ

District Panchayat AEE caught in bribery case

Tipatur

The Lokayukta has caught an Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) of Tipatur District Panchayat while accepting a bribe for processing a construction bill. The operation followed a complaint from a first-class contractor named Sunil, who provided information about the corrupt practice. Acting on this tip-off, Lokayukta officials conducted a raid and apprehended the AEE, identified as Swamy, from the Engineer Division of Tipatur District Panchayat. The officer is currently under investigation, with a team led by Inspector Raju examining the case and collecting evidence.

Lokayukta to hold public grievance meeting on Nov 13

Mandya

A public grievance meeting will be held in K.R. Pete taluk on November 13 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., organised by the Mandya Lokayukta division. Citizens can submit complaints related to corruption, negligence, or delays in government and semi-government offices during the session. Deputy Superintendent of Police Sunil Kumar H.T., officers B.P. Byatarayagowda, Inspector Kumar M., and Leepaksha Murthy will participate. The Lokayukta has invited residents of K.R. Pete to personally attend the meeting at the taluk office premises and file their grievances directly with the officials. The initiative aims to strengthen transparency and accountability in public administration, ensuring timely resolution of citizen complaints.

CIPET invites applications for free professional training

Chitradurga

The Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, in collaboration with the Directorate of Industries and Commerce and under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, has invited applications for free training in the polymer and plastic sectors. The Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET), Mysuru, will offer 3 to 6-month training programs in polymer technology for unemployed youth from economically weaker sections. Candidates aged between 18 and 35 years, with a family income below ₹2.5 lakh and a minimum qualification of 10th standard, are eligible. Training will cover assistant machine operator, injection molding operator, and programming skills, followed by job placement assistance.

CM counters Bhagwat's statement on 'Hindu Rashtra'

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah firmly rejected RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's claim, asserting that India can never become a Hindu nation

MYSURU

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has strongly responded to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's recent remark stating that India cannot be made a Hindu nation. Addressing a press conference at his Mysuru residence on Tuesday, Siddaramaiah said India is a diverse and pluralistic country that belongs to people of all castes, religions, and cultures.

"India has always been a land of many faiths, languages, and traditions. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its political wing have for long been advocating for a Hindu Rashtra, but that is impossible. Our country's foundation is built on unity in diversity, not religious uniformity," the Chief Minister asserted. He further questioned why the RSS, which constantly talks about Hindu nationalism, remains silent on issues like untouchability and inequality. "If they truly care about the Hindu community, they should speak against discrimination and injustice within their own system," Siddaramaiah said.

The Chief Minister also announced that he would be travelling to Delhi on November 15 to attend a programme organized by former Union Minister and senior lawyer Kapil Sibal. "I plan to return the same day, but if I get time, I will also seek an appointment to meet the party high command," he added.

During the press conference, several Congress leaders were present, including Minister for Social Welfare and Mysuru district in-charge Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs K. Harish Gowda, Ganesh Prasad, and D. Ravishankar, MLCs Dr. D. Thimmaiah and Dr. K. Shivakumar, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, and Congress district presidents R. Murthy and Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar.

Siddaramaiah's remarks come amid a broader national debate over secularism and religious identity, highlighting the Congress government's stance on preserving India's pluralistic values.

Workers urged to avail govt welfare benefits: Min Lad

Labour Minister Santosh S. Lad urged unorganised workers to benefit from government welfare schemes ensuring social security, safety, and employment opportunities

MANDYA

Karnataka Labour Minister Santosh S. Lad urged workers across the state to take full advantage of the various welfare schemes implemented by the Labour Department for the unorganised sector. Speaking after inaugurating the "Smart Card Distribution and Awareness Programme for Unorganised Workers" at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan, organised jointly by the Labour Department, the Karnataka State Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board, the Transport Department, and the District Administration, Lad highlighted several new initiatives for worker welfare.

He announced a new accident insurance scheme for delivery partners and other workers who risk their lives while working for long hours on the road. The scheme provides ₹5 lakh compensation in case of death, ₹2 lakh for partial disability, and up to ₹1 lakh for hospitalisation expenses. Emphasising road safety, he appealed to all two-wheeler riders to wear helmets and directed the district administration to organise awareness drives on helmet use. Lad further said that under the "Aasha Deepa" scheme, the Labour Department will provide 50% salary assistance to companies employing Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe youth in the private sector. He added that unorganised artisans and labourers are already receiving worker cards, and plans are underway to include agricultural workers under this category.

Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy lauded the department's initiatives for reaching every district to create awareness about welfare schemes. Legislators P. Ravikumar, K.M. Uday, Darshan Puttannaiah, and officials including Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumar and SP Mallikarjun Baladandi were present. Smart cards were distributed to unorganised workers during the event.

BJP Yuva Morcha protests against State government

HOSPET

The BJP Youth Morcha of Vijayanagara district staged a protest on Tuesday against the state government's alleged favoritism towards prisoners serving sentences in Parappana Agrahara Jail, Bengaluru. The youth leaders claimed that extending special privileges to inmates convicted in various criminal cases is tantamount to encouraging criminal activity, which has sparked widespread anger among the people of the state, according to district BJP Youth Morcha president, Kichidi Kotresh.

The protest took place in front of the District Police Superintendent's office in Hospet, where demonstrators demanded the resignation of the Chief Minister and Home Minister. They also submitted a memorandum to the state government through the Governor, urging corrective action.

Protesters strongly condemned the state government's stance, holding it morally accountable for creating an impression that criminals are being favored over law-abiding citizens.

Several youth leaders participated in the demonstration, including Nataraj, Sachin Kumar, Suri Bangaru, Sangamesh Kademani, Vyasraj, Sampath Murthy, Girish, Hanumanayak, Gowli Basavaraj, Rudrappa Gowli, Honnurappa, Umadevi, H. Raghavendra, Manikanta Kotturu, Vikash, and Venkobi Devalapur, among others.

DYFI appeals for establishment of taluk-level govt hospital

ULLAL

Despite five years having passed since the formation of Ullal Taluk, a government hospital at the taluk level has yet to be established, causing growing disappointment among local residents. One of the primary expectations of the people during the creation of the taluk was access to a government-run hospital. With the dominance of private medical colleges in the area, a public hospital has become a critical necessity for the local population, especially the economically disadvantaged.

However, no significant progress has been made toward constructing the taluk hospital. Instead, the existing Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) have been handed over to private medical colleges under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI) has criticized this move, stating that it undermines the health rights of poor citizens and limits their access to affordable medical care. According to the State Medical Act, every taluk is entitled to a 100-bed government hospital, a provision currently being ignored in Ullal. DYFI has therefore demanded that the state government immediately sanction a taluk-level hospital in Ullal and approve a 40-bed community hospital in Mudipu Hobli. Additionally, they have urged that necessary doctors and basic facilities be provided at the existing primary health centres within the taluk. The appeal was submitted to the District Health and Family Welfare Officer by the Ullal Taluk committee of DYFI. Present during the submission were District Secretary Santosh Bajal, Taluk Secretary Rizwan Harekala, Vice President Razaq Mudipu, Mangalore City Secretary Tayyub Bengre, and leader Rafique Harekala.

Firecracker blast in school bathroom sparks panic

BENGALURU RURAL

A loud explosion inside a school bathroom in S. Bingipura near Bannerghatta, Anekal taluk, caused panic among students and residents who initially feared it was a bomb blast. The incident occurred at a private school on Monday morning around 10:30 a.m., when a sudden blast-like sound was heard from the restroom.

Alarmed by the noise, students and locals rushed out of classrooms and nearby homes in fear. School staff quickly inspected the site and discovered that the sound had been caused by firecrackers set off inside the bathroom.

On Tuesday morning, a parent of one of the students reported the incident to the police. Bannerghatta police soon visited the spot and conducted an investigation. The school management was summoned to the station for questioning. According to Assistant Administrator Jayaprakash, some students had brought firecrackers from home and ignited them inside the school premises. "The students involved have been suspended, and they now understand the seriousness of their actions," he said.

Activists urge immediate stop to Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project

SHIVAMOGGA

Former minister and president of Parisarakke Naavu organization A.T. Ramaswamy has urged the government to immediately suspend the Sharavathi Pumped Storage Project, alleging it is being implemented without clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.

Speaking at a press conference organized by Sharavathi Valley Ulisi, Ramaswamy said the Western Ghats, one of the world's eight biodiversity hotspots, is home to over 40 rivers and rich rainforests. He warned that environmentally destructive projects like this would reduce forest cover and deplete river flow. Criticizing the government and KPCL for misleading the public, he said, "We are not against development, but not at the cost of nature. Violating forest and biodiversity laws to benefit mega corporations cannot be justified."

Former Lokayukta Justice N. Santosh Hegde stated that the project clearly violates the Forest Conservation Act and is not in public interest. Digging 1,600 feet deep tunnels poses severe ecological risks, he warned, suggesting that alternative power sources like solar and wind should be prioritized instead. Former Supreme Court judge Justice V. Gopala Gowda alleged that KPCL is spreading false information and ignoring public safety while claiming no harm will occur to wildlife or biodiversity. He accused the state energy minister K.J. George of making misleading statements.

ONAKE OBAVVA IS SYMBOL OF COURAGE: DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

CHITRADURGA

Deputy Commissioner B.T. Kumaraswamy described Onake Obavva as a symbol of courage, loyalty, and sacrifice, calling her an inspiring role model for today's women. He was speaking at the Onake Obavva Jayanti celebration organized at Valmiki Bhavan by the district administration, Zilla Panchayat, Kannada and Culture Department, and City Municipality.

Kumaraswamy said that though Obavva had no formal military training, her presence of mind and bravery in defending the Chitradurga Fort against Hyder Ali's soldiers set an immortal example of patriotism and devotion. He urged the younger generation, especially women, to draw strength from Obavva's courage and focus on education and civic responsibility instead of excessive social media use.

State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman P. Raghu recalled that late actress Jayanthi had powerfully portrayed Obavva's bravery in the film Nagarahavu, introducing her legacy to the nation.

Other speakers, including District Guarantee Scheme Chairman R. Shivanna Ganjigatte, highlighted how Obavva's valor continues to inspire generations. A grand procession featuring traditional folk troupes was taken out from the historic fort to Valmiki Bhavan.

Several officials, community leaders, and devotees participated in the event honoring Karnataka's fearless heroine.

WIN FOR WOMEN'S SHG

Shreeram Women's Food Security SHG receives state award

CHITRADURGA

The Shreeram Women's Food Security Self Help Group(SHG), operating under the Jhansirani Sanjeevini Women's Gram Panchayat Union in V.V. Pura village of Hiriyuru Taluk, has been honored with a state-level award for outstanding performance in women's empowerment, entrepreneurship, and livelihood development.

The recognition was presented by the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, and Livelihood, during the Bengaluru Skill Summit 2025, a three-day event held at Lalit Ashok Hotel, Bengaluru. The award was conferred in the presence of Sharana Prakash Patil, Minister of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Livelihood, and Medical Education, along with other dignitaries.

Under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), members of self-help groups from eight districts of Karnataka were selected for exceptional achievements in skill development and entrepreneurship. Shreeram Self-Help Group was recognized for its exemplary work in empowering women and improving livelihoods, earning the state's top honor for self-help groups.

At the district level, the award-winning group members were felicitated by Dr. S. Akash, Chief Executive Officer of the District Panchayat, who congratulated them and encouraged further achievements. The ceremony was also attended by Dr. R. Ranganath, Deputy Secretary of the District Panchayat; Project Director Jayalakshmi; Chief Project Officer Gayatri; NRLM district staff; and members of various self-help groups. SHG can significantly empower women by providing them with a platform for financial independence, skill development, and collective decision-making. Through regular savings and access to microcredit, women can start small businesses, invest in education, or improve household livelihoods, reducing dependence on external sources. SHGs also foster peer support and leadership skills, enabling women to voice their concerns, participate in community development, and advocate for their rights.

Delhi blast unfortunate, says Minister Krishna Byregowda

CHANNARAYAPATNA

Terming the recent Delhi blast as deeply unfortunate, Minister Krishna Byregowda expressed grief over the loss of lives in the tragic incident. Speaking to reporters in Channarayapatna, he said that the investigation must uncover the real cause behind the blast and ensure a fair and transparent outcome.

Byregowda mentioned that he was traveling since yesterday and had not been following the news or television updates, so he was unaware of detailed developments. He added that such incidents should never occur and urged authorities to determine whether negligence or a security lapse was responsible.

"The investigation should be completed at the earliest, and justice must be ensured for the victims. The Central Government should take full responsibility and see that the truth comes out," he stated.

QUICK READ

Applications invited for deputy legal aid defense counsel

Chitradurga

The Chitradurga District Legal Services Authority has invited applications for two Deputy Legal Aid Defense Counsel positions at its office. Applicants must possess strong knowledge of criminal law, excellent communication skills, and at least seven years of professional experience, including handling a minimum of 20 criminal cases. Basic IT proficiency is also required for the role. Selected candidates will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹45,000. Interested and eligible advocates can apply in the prescribed format by filling in their personal details in their own handwriting and submitting the application to the Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Chitradurga, on or before November 20 by 6 p.m., according to the official notification.

Children shine at state-level Kalashree competition

Chitradurga

Highlighting the importance of nurturing talent among children, the Deputy Director of Women and Child Development Department and District Bal Bhavan Secretary K.H. Vijaykumar encouraged students to participate in the state-level Kalashree competition and bring recognition to the district. The program, organized jointly by the State Bal Bhavan Society, Zilla Panchayat, Women and Child Development Department, and District Bal Bhavan Committee, was inaugurated on Monday as part of Children's Day celebrations. Officials emphasized that along with academics, engaging in extracurricular activities fosters creativity, discipline, and cultural values, which are crucial in today's technology-driven era. Parents were urged to motivate children to participate in at least one activity. Winners of the Kalashree contest were felicitated with certificates and prizes by K.H. Vijaykumar.

Bengaluru is the land of aerospace experts, says DCM

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar hailed Bengaluru as a global hub of knowledge, innovation, and aerospace technology.

DEVANAHALLI

"Bengaluru has established itself as the city of knowledge, innovation, and technology. Many pioneers in aerospace science have made this city their field of work, contributing to India's growing reputation in the global aerospace industry," said Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

He was speaking after inaugurating the Collins India Operations Center located in the KIADB Aerospace Park at Devanahalli on Tuesday. Shivakumar noted that Karnataka produces over 1.5 lakh engineering graduates every year, strengthening the country's technological base. "The world looks at India through Bengaluru — our city is the symbol of progress, talent, and innovation," he said.

Highlighting the limitless potential of the aerospace sector, he remarked, "Thousands of aircraft fly in our skies daily. The sky has no limits, and similarly, our ambition for technological advancement should know no bounds. The state government will extend full support to every company operating in the aerospace industry."

He emphasized the need to expand industrial growth beyond Bengaluru, focusing on developing industries in tier-2 and tier-3 cities across Karnataka.

"Collins Aerospace has chosen Karnataka because of its skilled workforce, favorable environment, and ideal climate for industry. We take great pride in this," Shivakumar added, expressing gratitude on behalf of the state's people.

He assured the company and investors that the Karnataka government stands with them at every step. "Our government is committed to supporting employers and innovators. The doors of this government will always remain open," he concluded.

CEO inspects student hostels and primary health centre

CHITRADURGA

Dr. S. Akash, CEO of the District Panchayat, conducted surprise inspections of student hostels and the Primary Health Centre in Parashurampura, Challakere Taluk

On Monday night, Dr. S. Akash, Chief Executive Officer of the District Panchayat, conducted a surprise inspection of the post-matric and pre-matric student hostels in Parashurampura village, Challakere Taluk. He visited all student rooms, kitchen, dining area, and toilets, advising staff to maintain high standards of cleanliness.

He emphasized that students should be provided with nutritious, hygienic, and tasty meals along with access to safe drinking water. Dr. Akash also shared a meal with the students and interacted with them, encouraging cleanliness both inside and outside the hostel premises. During a dialogue with SSLC students, he stressed the importance of focusing on their studies, planning for higher education, and preparing for a bright future. He also instructed students to avoid mobile phone distractions and prioritize academic learning. Following this, Dr. Akash visited the Primary Health Centre in Parashurampura, where he checked attendance records, examined the facilities, and inspected patient rooms. He received updates from doctors and staff regarding the centre's functioning and emphasized maintaining cleanliness and providing high-quality treatment to patients. He also interacted with patients, advising them to monitor their health regularly and encouraging villagers to utilize the health centre for check-ups.

District celebrates Onake Obavva Jayanti, honoring her courage

CHIKKABALLAPUR

The district administration, in association with the Zilla Panchayat and the Department of Kannada and Culture, celebrated the birth anniversary of the legendary Onake Obavva at the Kannada Bhavana on Tuesday. The event highlighted Obavva's bravery, determination, and historical significance, inspiring women and youth alike. Presiding over the function, District Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committee President Yelathurli N. Ramesh said that Onake Obavva's life symbolizes time consciousness, courage, and sacrifice, setting a shining example for future generations. He stated that her story continues to inspire women to stand strong and defend society's honor. Guest speaker Channakeshava, a historian, narrated Obavva's heroic act from the 18th century Chitradurga Fort. When Hyder Ali's soldiers attacked the fort, Obavva, wife of the guard Kalanayaka, fearlessly used a pestle ("onake") to kill enemy soldiers entering through a small crevice. Despite being an ordinary homemaker, she displayed extraordinary valor that safeguarded the fort. Her bravery, he said, serves as an enduring lesson in courage and patriotism.

Cultural troupes took out a colorful procession carrying Obavva's portrait from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan to Kannada Bhavana, accompanied by drums and traditional music. Distinguished women were felicitated, and meritorious students received awards for academic excellence.

Deputy Commissioner P.N. Ravindra, Zilla Panchayat CEO Dr. Naveen Bhatt, Additional DC Dr. N. Bhaskar, and other officials were present. The event concluded with a call to document and study Onake Obavva's life further to preserve her inspiring legacy for generations to come.

Case writing competence

CHITRADURGA

Chief District and Sessions Judge Ron Vasudeva stressed that strong language skills are vital for drafting civil case documents clearly. Speaking at a legal awareness event, he said petitions written in simple Kannada help avoid confusion and ensure faster judgments through clarity, brevity, and precision.

40th state-level Taekwondo Championship

DAVANAGERE

The 40th State-Level Sub-Junior, Cadet, Junior, and Senior Taekwondo Championships, organized by the Karnataka Taekwondo Association (R), were held from November 6 to 8 at Malebennur in Harihar Taluk. Over 500 athletes from across the state participated in the event, displaying remarkable talent and sportsmanship.

The championship was inaugurated by Association President J. Thirumaal, along with Mainuddin H.J., State Chairman of the Jawahar Bal Manch and CEO of the organization, Secretary B.N. Venkatesh, Joint Secretary Srikanth, Treasurer Smt. Anitha, Smt. M. Sunitha, and other members. Judges and referees from various states officiated, ensuring a fair and competitive environment.

Gold medal winners in the Cadet and Senior categories will go on to represent Karnataka at the National Championships in Uttar Pradesh from November 21 to 23. President Thirumaal and association members congratulated all winners and their coaches for their outstanding performances.

District-wise results included Tumkur leading in Sub-Junior Girls and Cadet Boys categories, while Bengaluru dominated Sub-Junior Boys and Senior Girls. Chitradurga performed strongly across multiple divisions, securing top positions in Junior Girls and other categories. The event concluded on a celebratory note, marking another milestone in promoting martial arts and nurturing young talent in Karnataka.

Krishnareddy appointed as new president of JDS State Core Committee

CHIKKABALLAPUR

Former MLA and ex-Deputy Speaker J.K. Krishnareddy has been appointed as the new President of the Janata Dal (Secular) State Core Committee. The decision was announced during a core committee restructuring meeting chaired by Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, held with senior party leaders. Following his appointment, JDS MPs, MLAs, and senior members extended their congratulations to Krishnareddy, acknowledging his long-standing contribution to the party and his leadership experience.

In his hometown Santekallahalli of Chikkaballapur taluk, party leaders and workers organized a warm welcome to celebrate his elevation. Supporters from nearby areas gathered to felicitate him, while city municipal members and local office-bearers honored him with floral garlands and shawls at a function held near Chinnasandra. Party workers expressed confidence that under Krishnareddy's leadership, the JDS core committee will work more cohesively to strengthen the organization at the grassroots level and prepare for upcoming political challenges.

NAME CHANGE

I, **KHUDSIA ASMA SHARIFF**, W/o. Gayasuddin Shariff, Resident of No 42, 3 Main Road, Near Kabir Ashram Matadhahalli, RT Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560032, Karnataka, have changed my name to **KHUDSIA ASMA**, Vide Affidavit Dated : 11.11.2025 before notary R BASAVARAJA, Bengaluru.

NAME CHANGE

I, **MUSHKIRA OVAIS**, D/o Ovais Abdul Aziz, resident of No. 6/40, 2nd Cross, Hennur Road, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore - 560084. Have changed my name to **MUSHKIRA**, vide affidavit dated: 11.11.2025, before Notary PRAKASHA. C, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Anandi R,** D/o Rajendra L, residing at No. 81/27/3, 12th B Main Road, 2nd Phase, Shivanagar, Manjunathanagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore -560010. Karnataka do hereby solemnly affirm and state that my date of birth is **12/10/1995**, my place of birth is **BHADRAVATHI (SHIMOGA)**. my father is **RAJENDRA L**, and my mother is **AMUDA R**. vide affidavite dated 10-11-2025 sworn before notary B. Prasanna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I V AMUDA W/O D AMBRUTHA LINGAM, R/O 5-136-3Sonangeri, Jalsoor, Sullia, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-574239, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AMUTHA A.

JIONT AFFIDAVIT

We, ARULKUMAR S and ANUSHA B K, presently residing at "PUSHPA NILAYA" NO. 07, 2ND CROSS, ADARSHNAGAR, NEAR GOVT SCHOOL, MUDALAPALYA, NAGARBHAVI, BENGALURU-560072, do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows:-

We hereby declare that we are residing in the above mentioned address. We hereby declare that our child's name AVYAAN KAUSTUV he was born on 06-02-2020, SURABHI HEALTH CARE RESEARCH PVT LTD, BBMP, Bangalore, Karnataka. We hereby declare that in our child's birth certificate (bearing Reg. 803162/B/B/2020/016872)

We hereby request the concerned authorities to please correct

1. Child's name as AVYAAN KAUSTUV instead of KUSH A. Hence this affidavit. We request concerned authorities to do the needful, This affidavit is to be produced before the concerned authorities to BBMP. If any litigation arise regarding the above subject we will be held responsible. What we have stated in this above affidavit are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 01-09-2025
ATTESTED BY ME
NATESH. D, B.A.,LLB.,
ADVOCATE AND NOTARY PUBLIC
GOVT OF INDIA
Reg .No: 20498

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We hereby declare that in our child's birth certificate (bearing Reg. RJI/B/2015/00220/000006) We hereby request the concerned authorities to please correct

1. Child's name as AYRAA KATAKSHA instead of HANSIKA A. Hence this affidavit. We request concerned authorities to do the needful, This affidavit is to be produced before the concerned authorities to BBMP. If any litigation arise regarding the above subject we will be held responsible. What we have stated in this above affidavit are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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Tender Notification No. 34/2025-26 DATED: 10.11.2025

Item-rate tenders, for the work in PWD, Nelamangala Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP.

Tender Notification are Published for 04 works **(Rs. 6.00 to 10.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP portal.

1. Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **4.00 PM on Dated: 19.11.2025**

2. The opening of tenders through KPP portal on Dated: **20.11.2025 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be Intimate.

For more details contact this office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/3708/Zen/2025-26

CHANGE OF NAME

I SANDEEP MELINAMANI S/O FAKIRAGOUDA, R/O Basaveswara Temple Oni, Byahatti, Hubli, Dharwad, Karnataka - 580023, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NANDEESH MELINAMANI.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANJAY CHAWLA (old name), a resident of SHREE KRISHNA KUNJ, 51/1, CENTRAL STREET, BETWEEN, 8TH & 9TH CROSS KUMARA PARK WEST, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA - 560020 INDIA, have changed my name to SANJAY GOPAL CHAWLA (NEW Name) vide affidavit dated 11-11-2025, sworn advocate and notary Mohammed Hussain K.

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2	Providing arranging power to proposed 148.63 KW Roof Top Solar Power at Vikasa Soudha and Fire Station Roof Bangalore. PWD/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT29124	18.54

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This is to inform to General public that my client Sri, Krishnamurthy .M , Situated at Sir, M.V.Badavane, 4th stage,Hosakote Town and Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, I am the Owner of the Below said Property,while Sale Deed for taken Certified copy ,have lost following Document of property pertating to below Mentioned property Situated at Sir, M.V.Badavane, 4th stage,Hosakote Town and Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,, had published the factum of lost of her Original Sale Deed,Dated;- 06-03-1991, Regd Sale Deed, Executed by Smt, Giddamma D/o Giddappa, In Favour of Sri, S.Kumaraswamy s/o Gangaiah, In regd as Book No.1,Volume No.1871, in Pages 20-22, in regd as Document no.2551/1990-91, dated;-07-03-1991, In regd before of the SRO Hosakote, In respect of Sir Mv Badavane, 4th Stage, Municipal New Katha no.2908, Site no.28, in Measuring 30 x60 Feets, police complaint have been filed with regards to loss of the above said Document vide complaint in NCR NO. Lost Report no.1818356/2025, DATED;-24-09-2025, and complaint dated;-24-09-2025, already Advertised in Udayamaithra Kannada Daily News Paper,Paper Dated;-26-09-2025,and City Highlights English News Paper Dated;-24-09-2025, in property Owner Name Wrongly Mentioned as Sri,Srinivasamurthy Instead of Sri, Krishnamurthy .M , Hence We Have Republished as above, by respective person,if anybody finds these Document please inform within 7 Days in Below mentioned Address.

Place;-Chinthamani,
Date;-11-11-2025

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Form No. URC-2
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act
[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar of Companies at Central Registration Centre (CRC) Manesar , Plot No. 6,7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Manesar, Haryana, India, 122050, that ASTEYA SERVICES LLP, a LLP may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.
2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:
a. To carry on the business of providing outsourcing services for all processes, sub processes, transactions, activities and all other work performed by business in various industries within India and across the world. This includes those process or sub processes that are enabled by information technology.
b. To offer training, consultancy, advisory and all related services in all areas of information technology including computer hardware and software, data communication, telecommunications, manufacturing and process control and automation, artificial intelligence, natural language processing.
3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office situated at No 19/3, Ground Floor, Srinivasa Industrial Estate Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore, KA 560062 IN.
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Plot No. 6,7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Manesar, Haryana, India, 122050, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 12th day of November 2025

Name(s) of Applicant:
On behalf of ASTEYA SERVICES LLP
1. Chetan Khosla
2. Vishwanath M S
3. Mahidhar Jayaram

IN THE COURT OF THE 2nd ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPUARA
C. Misc. No. 948/2025
Petitioners: Sri. N. Krishnamurthy and others R/at, No. 475, Tank Road, Honnigara pet, Doddaballapura Town, Bengaluru Rural District. V/s
Respondent: The Commissioner CMC, Doddaballapura

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named petitioners has filed the above petition under section UNDER SECTION 13(3) OF REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS ACT 1969 for seeking direction of the respondent authorities to issue death certificate of their mother by name RATHNAMMA W/O LATE A.V. NAGARAJAPPA who was died on 08-03-2018 at No. 475, Tank Road, Honnigara pet, Doddaballapura Town, Bengaluru Rural District, and the Hon'ble Court has posted for the above petition to 12/12/2025 for hearing of the petition and that if any person's desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly interested at 11 a m, failing which the above said petition will be heard disposed on enquiry.

Given under my hand the seal of the Court this 11/11/2025

By order of this Court
Chief Ministerial Officer, 2nd Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC Doddaballapur
Advocate for petitioners: **K.S. Sreedhara,** Advocate

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TENDER NOTIFICATION – 2ND CALL

The Registrar, VTU, Belagavi, invites **(Two Cover Systems)** E-tenders for the following work through E-procurement Tendering Mode. **Name of Work : Tender for Procurement of Desktop Computers, Laptops, Photocopier Machine etc. to VTU Examination Section, Belagavi and UBDTCE, Davangere. Amount Put to Tender : Rs. 97,35,565/-, EMD : Rs. 1,95,000/-. Last Date for Receipt of Tender : 25-11-2025 up to 2.30 p.m. Date of Opening of Tender : 26-11-2025 at 4.00 p.m.** The details regarding participation in the E-Tendring can be accessed by logging to our **VTU Website : www.vtu.ac.in** and **KPPP Portal Website : www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Registrar.
V.T.U., Belagavi,

DIPR/Belagavi/1293/Manipal/2025-26

QUICK READ

Downpour damages harvest-ready paddy on 14K acres

Chennai

The Tamil Nadu Agriculture Department has confirmed that over 14,000 acres of ready-to-harvest paddy crops in the Cauvery Delta region have been severely affected by continuous rainfall over the past week. The affected areas include the districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, and Nagapattinam, which are among the state's largest rice-producing regions. According to official figures, short-term paddy crops were cultivated across 6.5 lakh acres in the delta this year as part of the Kuruvai season. The bumper production, however, has created an unexpected problem, a glut in rice supply coupled with storage delays by the Food Department.

Bijapur-Gadhchiroli gun battle: Several Maoists 'neutralised'

Raipur

A fierce gun battle raging since Tuesday morning along the Chhattisgarh-Maharashtra border in the dense forests near Bijapur and Gadhchiroli districts has reportedly left several Maoists neutralised, according to preliminary inputs from security forces. The ongoing operation, involving joint teams of District Reserve Guards (DRG), CoBRA commandos, and local police, has drawn Maoist insurgents into a protracted firefight, marking yet another blow to the dwindling insurgency in Bastar.

GCC offers competitive exam coaching in schools

Chennai

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has launched special coaching classes across its 81 schools to help students of Classes X, XI, and XII prepare for competitive examinations. The civic body has also rolled out a parallel support programme for slow learners through subject-wise study booklets and dedicated counselling sessions handled by experienced teachers. The initiative, announced during the 2025-2026 civic budget session, aims to equip students with focused preparation in Mathematics, Science, History, and Geography -- subjects crucial for both board exams and competitive tests such as NEET, JEE, and civil service entrance exams.

Ch'garh adopts emotional outreach to end insurgency

Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma personally appealed for Naxal commander Hidma's peaceful surrender.

RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh government has intensified its mission to end decades of Maoist insurgency by focusing efforts on securing the surrender of dreaded Naxal commander Madvi Hidma, widely considered the last major bastion of extremism in Bastar.

In a deeply symbolic and emotional gesture, Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Vijay Sharma recently visited the native villages of Hidma and fellow commander Barse Deva, where he met and paid respects to their mothers.

During the visit, the mothers expressed their desire for their sons to return to mainstream life and even shared lunch with Sharma, who described the meeting as deeply moving. I paid my respects to the mothers of Madvi Hidma and Barse Deva. They also appealed for rehabilitation. We had lunch together, and the mothers spoke with great affection, Sharma posted on X.

Hidma, the commander of the People's Liberation Guerrilla Army in South Bastar, is accused of masterminding some of India's deadliest Maoist attacks, including the 2010 Tadmetla massacre, the 2013 Jhiram Valley ambush, the 2017 Burkapal attack, and the 2023 Aranpur IED blast. With a bounty exceeding ₹1 crore, he remains the most-wanted Naxal leader in the region.

Sharma's outreach forms part of the government's broader rehabilitation strategy as surrenders among Naxal cadres continue to rise. Addressing a public gathering at Indravati Sabha Garh in Bijapur district, he reaffirmed the state's commitment to peace and development in Bastar, urging Naxalites to lay down arms and rejoin society.

The heartfelt interactions with the commanders' mothers have now ignited fresh speculation across Bastar on whether Hidma; long seen as the face of violent rebellion, will finally surrender and bring an end to an era of bloodshed.

SIR: Kerala crosses 1-cr mark in voter enumeration

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala has achieved a significant milestone in its ongoing voter enumeration exercise, surpassing the one-crore mark in the distribution of enumeration forms under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme. Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Rathan U. Kelkar announced on Tuesday that the target was achieved within just eight days of the programme's launch, reflecting the strong coordination and efficiency of the state's election machinery.

It is a matter of pride that we have completed the distribution of over one crore forms in such a short time. This demonstrates the commitment of field officials and the smooth functioning of the SIR process, Kelkar said in a statement.

The SIR initiative is aimed at ensuring that the electoral rolls remain accurate and up to date by conducting door-to-door verification of voter details along with digital validation. Kelkar clarified that preparations for the upcoming local self-government elections will not disrupt the SIR process, stating, Both processes are being managed in parallel. The election schedule will not disrupt SIR operations.

The revision exercise coincides with an intense political atmosphere, as the three major political fronts in Kerala prepare for the local body elections on December 9 and 11. These elections, however, will be conducted using a separate voter list. Kelkar further announced that newly appointed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will soon be deployed to oversee field verification and ensure every eligible voter's information is accurately recorded. He also encouraged citizens to use the Election Commission of India's online platforms to check and update their voter details conveniently.

The Chief Electoral Office has directed all district officials to maintain the momentum of the enumeration drive while prioritising accuracy, inclusivity, and transparency throughout the process.

Om Birla, Neiphiu Rio Honour World War II Heroes at Kohima War Cemetery

KOHIMA

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, accompanied by Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, on Tuesday paid tribute to the soldiers who laid down their lives during the Second World War, describing the Kohima War Cemetery as a sacred ground of courage, sacrifice, and inspiration. The solemn event marked the second Remembrance Day of World War II, organised by the Nagaland government in partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC). Deputy Head of Mission, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, Bhaarat Dave, also joined the tributes at the historic site. Addressing the gathering, Birla said the courage and sacrifice of the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Kohima continue to inspire generations. The Second World War was not only a historic conflict but also a testament to the bravery and determination of those who defended their nation, he remarked. Birla also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Rio, whose late father served in World War II, acknowledging the Naga people's significant contribution to the war effort. He lauded Nagaland's leadership and security personnel for their commitment to peace and stability, stating that India has always been a land of bravery, and the legacy of its soldiers will forever remain a source of national pride.

Vijay's TVK moves to secure common symbol

CHENNAI

As Tamil Nadu inches closer to the 2026 Assembly elections, actor Vijay's political outfit Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) has formally begun the process of obtaining a common election symbol from the Election Commission of India (ECI). Sources within the party said the move follows the Election Commission's guidelines, which permit registered political parties to apply for a common symbol at least six months before the elections.

With barely that much time left before the expected polling schedule, TVK has submitted a formal memorandum seeking allotment of a symbol that will be recognised across all 234 Assembly constituencies. A high-level delegation, comprising party joint general secretary C.T.R. Nirmal Kumar and state executive members Pushpavanam Kuppusamy, Arjun Moorthy, and Vijay Prabhakaran, met Chief Election Commissioner and other officials in New Delhi to hand over the petition.

The memorandum reportedly included a list of ten preferred symbols, from which the Commission is expected to allot one after scrutiny.

The party is fully prepared to contest in all constituencies across Tamil Nadu. Hence, a uniform symbol is essential for voter recognition and campaign coherence, the petition stated.

TVK sources said that the party's leadership, including Vijay, views this as a key milestone in its political preparation.

After the unfortunate incident in Karur during the people's rally - an event that deeply saddened the actor-politician - the party has taken steps to rebuild its organisational momentum and restore public confidence.

Vijay has also appealed to his supporters and cadres to conduct all political activities in a disciplined and peaceful manner, ensuring that no harm comes to the public under any circumstance.

WATERSHED MAHOTSAV

'Guntur water tank revival a model for others'

AMARAVATI

Union Minister for Rural Development, and Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated a 150-year-old revived water tank at Vengalayapalem village of Guntur Rural Mandal in Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday as part of the 'Watershed Mahotsav'.

The 21-acre tank, restored at a cost of ₹1.20 crore, is being hailed as a model for sustainable water conservation and community development.

The inauguration was attended by Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, and district in-charge minister Kandula Durgesh. Speaking to the media, Chouhan commended the local administration for reviving the waterbody and developing a plantation on a five-acre area with 250 coconut trees. The revenue generated from this plantation will be used for the tank's maintenance, he noted, describing it as an ideal sustainable model.

The revived tank now includes a walking track, open-air theatre, and open gym to encourage cultural and recreational activities for local residents. This project shows how a waterbody can serve multiple purposes, Chouhan remarked, emphasising that water is life, and without water and soil, agriculture cannot thrive.

Highlighting the success of the watershed mission and the 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana', the minister said that such programmes have helped recharge groundwater and improve agricultural productivity. He further urged states to adopt this model across India to restore old water structures and secure the country's water future. The event was part of the National Watershed Conference, organised by the Department of Land Resources under the Ministry of Rural Development, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh government. However, the larger conference was cancelled due to Monday's blast in New Delhi.

Manik Saha accuses Left, praises BJP's transparent recruitment governance

AGARTALA

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Tuesday accused the previous Left Front government of turning job recruitment into a farce, asserting that the present BJP-led administration is committed to transparency and impartiality in every sector, including employment. Speaking after inaugurating the Kakraban Government Degree College in Gomati district, Saha said his government is prioritising the development of education and ensuring access to quality learning for students across the state.

He also inaugurated a 50-bed girls' hostel of the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) located on the college premises. During his address, Saha criticised the former Left regime, claiming that communist ideologues had created chaos in educational institutions under the guise of Naxalism.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of Manappuram Home Finance Ltd., having our registered office at IV/470A (old) w/638A (new), Manappuram House, Valapad, Thrissur, Kerala-680567 and branches at various places in India (hereinafter referred to as "MAHOFIN") is a Company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 and a Financial Institution within the meaning of sub-clause (iv) of clause (m) of sub-section (1) of Section 2 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 (hereinafter referred so as the Act) read with Notification No. S.O. 3466 (E) dated 18th December, 2015 issued by the Govt. of India, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi, inter alia carrying on business of advancing loans for construction and / or purchase of dwelling units and whereas the Borrower / Co-Borrowers as mentioned in Column No. 2 of the below mentioned chart obtained loan from MAHOFIN and whereas MAHOFN being the secured creditor under the SARFAESI Act, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 2 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice calling upon the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers as mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served upon some of them for various reasons. That in addition thereto for the purposes of information of the said borrowers enumerated below, the said borrowers are being informed by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name Of The Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Lan/Branch	Description Of Secured Asset In Respect Of Which Interest Has Been Created	Npa Date	Date Of Notice Sent & Outstanding Amount
1	Sumathi M, Rajanna T, **/MHL00340009764/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 12/50 Nanjundaswamynagara, Pl.D. No. 150800300800121241, Situated At Madhuvinahalli Grama, Madhuvinahalli Gramapanchayat, Kollegala Block, Chamarajanagara (D), Karnataka - 571440 Admeasuring: 55.74 Sq Mts. East-House of Kalashetty, West-House of Masanashetty., South-Road, North-House of Kumara	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.268755/-
2	Gangadevi M, Kumar A M, Ramya DG, **/MHL00930012163/** Tumkur	All That Piece And Parcel of The Residential Building Bearing Grama Panchayath Khatha No.119/1 And E-Khatha No. 1525004034016 20056 Measuring East To West: 14. 9352 Mtrs And North To South: 6.096 1 Mtrs Is Situated At Avaragere Village, Yadiyuru Hobli, Kunigal Taluk, Tumkur District, Karnataka - 572130. East-Road, West-Property of Lakshmamma, South-Property Of Venkatesh, North-Property of Venkatamma	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.284616/-
3	Anjaneya M, Manjappa K, Udachavva Gudikotti, **/NLAP0051004796/** Shimoga	All That The Piece or Parcel of Site Along With Structure Standing There On Being Bearing A Property No. 5/1, E-Property No. 151200503900420084, Measuring Total 94.76 Sq. Meter, Including 94.76 Sq. Meter Building, Situated At Hanumasagara Village, At Hanumasagara Village Panchayath, Honnalli Taluk, Davangere District,Karnataka - 577217. East-House of Basavarajappa, West-House of Solle Thimmappa, South-House of Kariyamma, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.285914/-
4	Shobha C, Mohan Kumar S, Shivegowda B, **/MHL00910021569/** Hassan	All That Piece And Parcel of Thesite And Houseproperty Bearing No. 151600600100600149, Gram Panchayathproperty No. 160/137, In Survey No. 19,Situated Atbhommenahalli Village, Yalagundagram Panchayath, Hassan Taluk And Hassan District, Karnataka -573219 Totally Measuring 129.32Square Meters. East-Road, West-Own Property, South-Own Property, North-House Property of Sri. Shivappanayaka.	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.307526/-
5	Savithri Bai, Nagaraj Naik, Yathish N, **/MHL00510010836/** Shimoga	All That The Piece or Parcel of Site Along With Structure Standing There On Being Bearing Site/Khatha/Property No. 133, Property No. 151200501900500162, Measuring Total 211.81 Sq. Meter, Including 105.90 Sq. Meter Building, Situated At Kengatte Village, Odeyarahatturu Village Panchayath, Nyamathi/Honnalli Taluk, Davangere District, Karnataka - 577230. East-Road, West-House of R. Manja Naika, South-Land of Siddappa, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.334112/-
6	Dandyamma P, P C Parashuramappa, **/MHL00480019737/** Davangare	All That Piece And Parcel of Village Panchayath Property No.383, E-Swathu No. 151200601200300395, Measuring 6.4024 X 6.7073 Meter = 42.94 Sq. Mtrs. Situated At Gurusiddapura Village, Jagalur Taluk, Davangere District, Karnataka - 577513. East-House of Chennamma W/O Shivamurthappa, West-House of Kadamma, South-House of Maddanamma, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.333442/-
7	Manjula M, Kumar N, Usha Kumar, Ramesha R, **/MHL00340015900/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No.64/1, Pl.D. No.152200620049200453, Situated At Hunasavadi Village, Hunasavadi Grampanchayath, Periyapatna Taluk, Mysuru District, Karnataka - 571107 Measuring Totally 148.64, Square-Meters. East-House Belongs To Rangaswamy, West-House Belongs To Siddalingaiah, South-House of Manjula, North-House Belongs To Siddalingaiah	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.336027/-
8	Riyaj B, Sher Ali, Thajuddhin J, **/MLAP0048007952/** Davangare	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property No 189/P, E Swathu No. 151200103100200546, Measuring 66 X 33 Fts I.e 2178 Sq Fts, Situated At Doddaghatta Village, Navilehaal Gram Panchayath, Channagiri, Karnataka - 577544. East-Remaining Property of Nisar, West-House of Fazlun Bi, South-Conservancy In Between Peerusab And Parveen Shoukath, North-Panchayath Sewage	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.348251/-
9	Janamma T, Raghu SR, **/MLAP0051032177/** Shimoga	All That Part And Parcel of The Property Bearing Rdpr Khata No.150900205200600392, As Per Gram Panchayat Record Property No. 301/1, Measuring In Total 76.65 Sq Meter Situated At Saraswathipura, Saraswathipura Gram Panchayat. Kaduru Taluk And Chikkamagaluru District, Karnataka - 577548. East- House of Ramachandrappa, West-House of Devendrappa, South-House of Chandramma, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.358309/-
10	Anitha B G, Rajkumar K, **/MHL00340010012/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Karadahalli Gramapanchayathi Property No. 3/6 Ka Ni As Per Form No. 9 And11a Unique No. 152100501801400005 Situated At Chikkayugati Village, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka - 571432 Measuring East To West: 10.670 Meters And North To South: 11.585 Meters. East-Vacant Site, West-Public Kitchen House, South-Road, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.366759/-
11	Santhosh N, Rakshitha A, Rajamma K, Ningaiah J, **/NLAP0034037127/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 59/47/3, Pl.D. No.152200700804900315, Situated At Vaddarakoppalu Village, Maliyuru Gramapanchayath, T. Narasipura Taluk And Mysore District, Karnataka - 571101 Total Measuring 51.28 Square Meters. East-Conservancy And House Belongs To Thayamma, West-House Belongs To Javaraye, South-House Belongs To Puttelaiah, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.390631/-
12	Prema K, Ravi T, **/MLAP0091001382/** Hassan	All That Piece And Parcel of The Site And House Bearing Property Id No. 151600702401500270, Gram Panchayath Property No. 224, Situated At Jakanahalli Village, Kyathanahalli Gram Panchayath, Holenarasipura Taluk, Hassan District, Karnataka - 573210 Totally Measuring 312.15 Square Meters. East-Road, West-Own Vacant Property., South-Site Property Belongs To Sri.devegowda., North-Government Channel And Road.	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.380075/-
13	Imdad Faraz Khan, Dilshad Unnisa, Habeeb Khan, **/NLAP0051011908/** Shimoga	All That The Piece or Parcel of Site Along With Structure Standing There On Being Bearing Property Under Municipal Khatha No. 177/2-797/2 Pl.D. No. 25932, Measuring, Total 546 Sq. Feet, Situated At Ward No. 25, Hale Mandli, Shivamogga City, Shivamogga District,Karnataka - 577202. East-Property of Tanvir Khan S/O Azizas Khan, West-N. T. Road, South- Property of Mohammed Nasir, North-Kaman Onni And Property of Mohiddin Khan	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.383546/-
14	Mahadevamma M, Veerashetty N, **/MLAP0090007383/** Vivekananda Circle	All That Piece & Parcel of The Property, Property No. 1173 Unique No. 150800200100121132 Suited At Beguru Village And Beguru Gramapanchayathi Gundlupete Taluk Chamarajanagara District. Measurement East-West-9.14 North - South-12.19, East - Vacant Site of Sharadhamma, West - Vacant Site of Sharadhamma, South-Vacant Site of Sharadhamma, North - Road Village Beguru Grama Panchathy Gundlupete Talluk, Ch. Nagar-571109 , Main Road Gundlupet Chamrajnagar Karnataka Pin: 571109 P.O. Begur. East-Vacant Site of Sharadhamma, West-Vacant Site of Sharadhamma, South-Vacant Site of Sharadhamma, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.194115/-
15	Mahadevamma M, Mallanna M, Santhosh Kumar, **/NLAP0034000836/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 5/6, Pl.D. No. 150800300600220006, Situated At Kamalipura Grama, Palya Gramapanchayat, Kollegala Block, Chamarajanagara (D), Karnataka -571440 Measuring: E-W: 9.144 Meter & N-S: 12.192 Meter.East-Road, West-House of Mahadevamma., South-Road, North-House of Rathnamma	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.416124/-
16	Lakshmamma V, Subhash Chandrabose D, Ravindranatha V, **/MHL00930012373/** Tumkur	All That Piece And Parcel of The House Bearing Property No. 426/09 And E-Katha. 152500503500120281 Measuring East To West: 9.144 Meters, And North To South: 12.192 Meters And Total House Measuring 55.74 Sq Meters, Situated At Dodderi Village, Dodderi Hobli, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumkur District, Under The Limit of Dodderi Gramapanchayath, Karnataka Pin: 572112. East-Survey No. Property, West-Road, South-House of Siddagangamma W/O Hanumantharayappa, North-House of Putteramma W/O Narshimaiah	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.232098/-
17	Lakshmamma S, Shivanna E, Chandrashekhar B S, Chandrakala S, **/MHL00930012175/** Tumkur	All That Piece And Parcel of The House Bearing Khata No. 221/194 And E-Katha No.152500400500100439 Measuring East To West: 12.192 Meters, And North To South: 15.24 Meters And Total Measuring185.81 Sq Meters, Situated At Bagenahalli Village, KothagereHobli,KunigalTaluk,TumkurDistrict,UnderTheLimitofBagenahalliGramapanchayath,. East-House of Nanajappa, West- Property of Honnamma, South-Road, North-Own.	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.239633/-
18	Abhishek G, Manjula S, Suneetha M, Abhijith G, **/NHL00340000177/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 35/35, Pl.D. No.152200101100300040, Situated At Dasanapura Grama, Naganahalli Gramapanchayat, H.D. Kote Block, Mysore (D), Karnataka Pin: 571114. Measuring: E-W: 9.144 Meter & N-S: 12.192 Meter. East-Taraka Canal & Road, West-House of Gajendra., South-House of Manjula, North-House of Bannamma	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.272631/-
19	Savithramma S, Siddegowda K, **/MHL00340012818/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 5/1A, Pl.D. No.152200403127021526, Situated At Yelwala Village, Yelwala Grama Panchayath, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring East To West 3.5052 Meters And North To South 10.3632 Meters, Karnataka Pin: 571130. East-Property Belongs To Bhagya., West-Property Belongs To Savithri., South-Road, North-House Belongs To Kuttaiah.	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.249128/-
20	Sumitra V, Hemanth V, **/MLAP0051003553/** Shimoga	Property No: 21, E-Property No. 152400502400820006, Measuring East - West 18.288 Meter X North - South 12.192 Meter, Total 222.96 Sq.meter, Vinayak Nagara, Sogane Grama Panchayth, Sogane Grama Panchayth, Shimoga, P.O. Sogane, Shimoga, Karnataka, Pin: 577222. East-Site No. 19, West-Road, South-Site No. 15, North-Site No. 13	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.393463/-
21	Prakashgouda Channagouda Timmannagouda, Jayavva Prakashgouda Timmanagouda, Patil Manjunath Gowda, **/NHL00260013517/** Hubli	Property Bearing Vpc No. 14/1/667, Property No. 151700700800320003, Total Measuring 149.40 Sq.Ft, Near Govt Primary School, At: Manchinakoppa, Tq: Sgiggaou, Dist: Haveri, Karnataka 581193. East-Property of Channagouda N Timmanagoudra, West-Govt. Road, South-Property of Yallangagouda Mallanagouda Huded, North-Property of Marutigouda H Timmanagouda	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.407721/-
22	Siddamma C, Manjanatha S, Siddaiah M, **/MHL00340010085/** Mysore	Propertyt No. 680, Unique No. 152200426114001070, Udbur Village & Gp, Mysore Taluk, And Mysore District, Measuring East To West, 13.4112 Meterss And North To South 7.62 Meters, Total 102.19 Sq.mtrs, Main Road, Mysuru, Po Jayapura, Mysore, Karnataka, Pin: 570008. East-House Belong To Salundi Ankaiah Siddnaika, West-Road, South-House Belongs To Rathanamma W/O Shivannashetty, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.400266/-
23	Gowramma P, Harisha P, Puttaswamygowda S, Girija H B, **/MHL00340010004/** Mysore	Sl No. 26-14-72 Assesment No. 735/A Old No. 482 Ward No. 3, Measuring 91.416552 Sq.metrs, Gollara Beedi Piriyapatna Town Mysore Dist, P.O. Periyapatna, Mysore, Karnataka, Pin: 571107. East-Property Belongs To Puttamma, West-Property Belongs To Rajani, South-Property Belongs To Jayamma, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.401353/-
24	Shama B, Zuhaib Ulla Baig S, **/MHL00340032253/** Mysore	Property No. 205, Unique No. 151600702300520015, Totally Measuring 89.19 Square Meters, Mukkamahalli Village & Anekannambadi Gp, Holenarasipura Taluk & Hassan District, P.O. Anekannambadi, Hassan, Karnataka, Pin: 573210. East-Road, West-Land Belongs To Ameen Baig, South-House Belongs To Samiullabaig, North-Own Land	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.412517/-
25	Prema N, Shivananjappa B, Nagendrakumar S, **/MHL00340011487/** Mysore	Property No. 17 Unique No. 150800201800500016., Belavadi Village, Hundipura Gp, Gundlupete Block, Chamarajnagar District, Total Measuring 184.78 Meters, Main Road, Gundlupet, P.O. Hundipura, Chamrajnagar, Karnataka, Pin: 571111. East-Road, West-Vacant Site Belongs To Mahadevappa, South-Vacant Site Belongs To Gaviyappa, North-Vacant Site Belongs To B V Gaviyappa	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.410596/-
26	Gowramma, Krishna V, **/MLAP0034038595/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 54/54, Pl.D. No. 152200543077000572, Situated At Ariyuru Village, Hadya Canine Gramapanc Ayath, Nanjanagud Taluk, Mysuru District, Measuring East Towest 8. 2296 Meters And North To South 16, 4592 Meters, Totally 135. 45 Square Meters Pin: 571315,Karnataka. East-Conservancy And Property Belongs To Bogamallanna, West-Road, South-Conservancy And Property Belongs To Naganaika, North-Conservancy And Property Belongs To Parvathamma	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.246179/-
27	Nagaraju B, Yashwanth N, P Saroja, **/NHL01280039117/** Chamrajnagar	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 347/3B, Pl.D. No. 150800400300220051, Situated At Y.J. K. Mole Grama, Duggahatti Gramapanchayat, Yalanduru Block, Chamarajanagara (D). Measuring: Ew: 5.486 Meter & N-S: 5.486 Meter Admeasuring 30.10 Sq Mts of Site 30.10 of Building, Pin 571441, Karnataka. East-House of Chikkananjamma, West-Road, South-House of Lakshmamma, North-Pathway	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.288665/-
28	Ravi, Mahadevamma, Shivanna, **/NHL00340040321/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Hosahalli Grama Katha No. 95/1, Pl.D. No. 152200702711700109, Situated At Hosahalli Grama, Mooguru Gramapanchayat, T. Narasipuura Block, Mysore (D). Measuring: E-W: 6.096 Meter & N-S: 9.144 Meter, Admeasuring: 5.74 Sq Mts. Pin 571124,Karnataka. East-Hose of Asha Shivanna, West-House of Puttamadamma, South-House of Siddaraju, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.302031/-
29	Maruthi Prasanna M, Puttamma P, Hemanta Kumar E, **/NHL00900034363/** Vivekananda Circle	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 130/1, Pl.D. No.152200102221600672, Situated At Sagare Grama, Sagaregramapanchayat, Mysore Block, Mysore (D). Measuring: E-W: 8.2296 Meter & N-S: 6.096 Meter Admeasuring 50.17 Sq Mts Pin: 571121, Karnataka. East-Galli & House of Thayamma, West-House of Rajamma, South-Road, North-House of Sarojamma	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.322376/-
30	Rekha, Ravi, **/MLAP0034038679/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 58- 5077- 101, Assessment No. 2874/1, Old Property No. 2874/1, Ward No. 1, Situe Ted At Ranganatha Koppalu, Hunsur Taluk, Mysore District, Measuring East To West 6.096012 Meters And North To South 12. 192024 Meters, Totally SS. 7418 Square Meterspin 571105, Karnataka. East-Government Road, West-Property Belongs To Ningajamma, South-Vacant Property Belongs To Venkataiah S/O Thimmaiah, North-House Belongs To Dinesh And Vacant Shed	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.365180/-
31	Parveen Taj B, Mahamad Yusuf K P, **/MHL00340007949/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Junjer No. 1079/960, Property No. 371, Pl.D. No. 152200200803301428, Situated At Bilikere Village, Bilikere Grama Panchayath, Hunsur Taluk And Mysuru District, Karnataka - 571103 Total Measuring 111.41 Square Meters. East-Site Belong To Suresh, West-Land, South-Road, North-Land	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.419076/-
32	Lakshmi, Mutturajshetty, **/MLAP0034036741/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No.12087/27, Pl.D. No.150800301000101438, Situated At Doddinduvadi Village, Doddinduvadi Gramapanchayath, Kollegala Taluk, Chamarajanagara District, Karnataka, Pin: 571443, Measuring Totally 111.48 Square Meters. East-House Belongs To Basavashetty., West-House Belongs To Chennamma., South-House Belongs To Madeva., North-Road.	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.419593/-
33	Basavaraj Shivappa Sannabidanuru, Mamata Basavaraj Sannabinavar, Suresha Ningappa Malagunda, **/NHL00260029555/** Hubli	All That Part And Parcel of The Bearing Gram Panchayat No. 89/3, Measuring 55.62 Sq Mtrs Along With Residential Structure, Bearing E-Property No. 151700201700500227 of Kirawadi Village, Within The Limits of Gram Panchayat Kirawadi, Tq: Hangal, Dist: Haveri, Karnataka- 581120. East-Path, West-Property of Nagappa Kondoji., South-Property of Parashuram Sanabinavar., North-Property of Jagadeesh Hanchi	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.427640/-
34	Rekha Pujar, Muttappa Nilappa Pujari, Renuka Bailappa Madar, **/MLAP0026040227/** Hubli	Residential 11B Property Bearing Vpc No. 230/1, Property No. 150100100800281038, Total Measuring 145.88Sq Mtr And Building Measuring 60.76Sq Mtr In Rs No.3/*/* Situated At Kulageri Village Within Kulageri Cross Gram Panchayat, Tq: Badami & Dist: Bagalkot, Karnataka- 587155. East-Property of Minakshi Nagesh Channadasar, West-Property of Renavva Bailappa Madar, South-Road, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.419536/-
35	Chikkatayamma, Mahesha P, Varalakshmi J, **/MLAP0034040505/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 207, Pl.D. No. 152200702009520742, Situated At Vadeyandahalli Grama, Talakadu Gramapanchayat, Rd 'Narasipura Block, Mysore (D), Karnataka- 571122, Measuring: 111.48 Sq Mts. East-House of Nagamma, West-House of Sakamma, South-House of Mahadevamma, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.422426/-
36	Chowdaiah C, Gowramma J, Anjankumar H H, **/NLAP0034036249/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Hemmige A Gramada, Demand No. 636/631, Pl.D. No. 152200702400320199, Situated At Hemmige Grama, Hemmige Gramapanchayat, T. Narasipura Block, Mysore (D)., Karnataka- 571124, Admeasuring: 56. 86 Sq Mts. East-House of Devamma, West-House of Gundaiah, South-House of Siddamma, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.442075/-
37	Lakshmamma H, Manjunatha U G, Thanuja M, **/MHL00480021455/** Davangare	All That Piece And Parcel of Village Panchayath Property No. 110/B, E-Swathu No. 151200102300420076, Measuring East West 9.144 Meter, North South 12.192 Meter = 111.48 Sq. Mtrs, Wherein House Constructed Measuring 111.48 Sq.mtrs, Situated At Ubrani Village, Channagiri Tq, Davangere District, Karnataka - 577213. East-Gramathana, West-Village Panchayath Road, South-House of Bhimappa., North-Vacant Site of Gangadharappa	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.438444/-
38	Rathnamma L, Shankaramurthy P, **/MHL00900021545/** Vivekananda Circle	All That Piece & Parcel of The Property Bearing Horalavadi Gramapanchayathi Property No. 77 As Per Form No. 11B Unique No. 152200525004000763 Situated At Kullakanahundi Village & Horalavadi Gramapanchayathi Nanjangudu Taluk And Mysure District - 571129 Karanataka Measuring East To West: 4.7244 Meters And North To South: 12.192 Meters. East-House of Mahadevanayaka, West-Road, South-Road, North-Road	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.434926/-
39	Kantharaja J, Rukmini D D, Jnana Nanda M, **/NHL00340003655/** Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Hampapura Gramapanchayathi Property No. 21 Janger No. 33 And As Per Form No. 9 And 11A Unique No. 152200300116800033 Situated At Sanyasipura Village, Krishnarajanagara Taluk, Within The Jurisdiction of Hampapura Gramapanchayathi Measuring East To West: 7.62 Meters And North To South: 28.95 Meters In Karnataka - 571601. East-Galli And Thereafter House of Sannamma, West-Galli And Thereafter House of Rachaiah Kaggalamma And Site, South-Road, North-Property of Bhagya Wife of Ravi	11-10-2025	14-10-2025 & Rs.475480/-

Notice, is therefore given to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers, as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above, against the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower, MAHOFIN shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire amount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by MAHOFIN at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed in Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act. Take note that in terms of S-13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby restrained from transferring and/or dealing with the Secured Properties in any manner by way of sale, lease or in any other manner.

Date: 12th November 2025 | Place: KARNATAKA **Sd/- Authorised Officer Manappuram Home Finance Ltd**

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Delhi primary schools to switch to hybrid mode classes

New Delhi

Following a dip in air quality in Delhi, Stage III (Severe) measures under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) kicked in on Tuesday, and the government told schools to switch to hybrid mode for primary students up to Class V from Wednesday. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced that safety measures are being taken at speed in light of GRAP stage III. Till Class V, online classes will be conducted from Wednesday. Hybrid mode will be in force in schools, she said. Citing the decision of Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) to involve GRAP Stage III, the Delhi government's Education government said in circular.

Bihar logs record 67.14% polling till 5 pm

New Delhi

Bihar registered an estimated voter turnout of record 67.14 per cent by 5 p.m. on Tuesday in the second and final phase of the Assembly elections. This round has not only recorded the highest-ever turnout achieved in the state in any Assembly or Lok Sabha elections, but the final number after the completion of the entire process will further spike the total percentage. The first phase witnessed the highest-ever percentage of electors in any Assembly polling, 2.09 per cent more than the earlier high of 62.57 per cent achieved in 2020.

Ind candidate stages sit-in protest amid peaceful voting

Jaipur

Amid largely peaceful polling in the Anta assembly constituency on Tuesday, a new controversy unfolded when independent candidate Naresh Meena staged a sit-in protest on a muddy road in Sankali village, where villagers boycotted voting over local development issues. According to officials, voters were not allowed to carry mobile phones inside polling stations as per Election Commission guidelines. In Sankali village, locals boycotted voting, demanding the construction of a road and a cremation ground.

2 more associated with gangster-terror module arrested in Punjab

Punjab police arrested two more members of a gangster-terror module linked to UK handlers, recovering arms and ammunition

CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Police's Special Operation Cell (SOC) in Amritsar, in a coordinated operation with the Counter Intelligence (CI) unit of Pathankot, arrested two more individuals connected to a gangster-terror module operating across several districts. The arrests mark another breakthrough in the ongoing crackdown against transnational criminal networks attempting to disturb peace in the state, Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said on Tuesday.

Those arrested have been identified as Harpreet Singh of Baupur Afgana in Gurdaspur and Navpreet Singh of Machhiwal village in Amritsar. Police recovered a sophisticated 9mm Glock pistol, three magazines, and five live cartridges from their possession.

DGP Yadav said preliminary investigations revealed that the duo was acting on instructions from their UK-based handler, who had supplied the weapon and assigned them to conduct reconnaissance of specific targets in Gurdaspur, Batala, and Amritsar. The accused were planning targeted killings intended to create panic and communal unrest in the state, he said.

Earlier, two other members of the same module were arrested, leading to the recovery of a hand grenade and a pistol. The latest arrests were made following sustained investigations into that case.

Assistant Inspector General (AIG) Sukhminder Singh Mann stated that acting on intelligence gathered during earlier operations, teams from the Special Operation Cell and Counter Intelligence carried out a detailed probe to trace the module's network. Their efforts led to the identification and capture of the two suspects. Further investigations are underway to identify the network's backward and forward linkages, dismantle its infrastructure, and trace foreign handlers. Officials said more arrests and recoveries are expected in the coming days.

HM reviews Delhi blast probe; multi-state searches, tightened security across NCR

NEW DELHI

Stressing on the seamless coordination among agencies, Union Home Minister Amit Shah directed the NIA, IB, and Delhi Police Special Cell to work closely, asserting, "No stone will be left unturned."

Chairing a high-level review meeting to assess the ongoing investigation into the Delhi blast and multi-state searches at his residence here on Tuesday, he said high alerts have been issued in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Mumbai, with security tightened around crowded markets, transport hubs, and religious sites as the probe continues at full pace.

Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Kumar Deka, Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha, and National Investigation Agency (NIA) Director General Sadanand Vasant Date were present. Jammu and Kashmir DGP Nalin Prabhat joined the meeting virtually.

'Multi-agency probe on rapid pace'

A team of over 500 security personnel has been mobilised to investigate the blast, while the National Security Guard (NSG) has been deployed at critical installations across Delhi-NCR, according to Delhi police sources.

Over 1,000 CCTV footage are being examined, and initial findings suggest the explosion could have been a suicide bomb attack intended to cause large-scale destruction, sources said.

Investigators are also analysing mobile phone dump data and monitoring social media for leads. Dump data from all devices active near the Red Fort area at the time of the explosion is being retrieved to trace communication links that might reveal key suspects, they added.

Why such incidents keep happening, asks Akhilesh Yadav on Delhi blast

LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday criticised the Union government over Monday's deadly blast in Delhi, questioning repeated security lapses and calling for strong action against those responsible. Addressing a press conference here, Akhilesh Yadav said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured an investigation into the incident, and the nation now expects the truth to come out soon.

A strong crackdown on terrorism is necessary, he said, adding, but it's equally important to understand why such incidents keep recurring and where the lapses occur. Referring to the Prime Minister's statement, Akhilesh Yadav said: We have full faith that the Prime Minister and the government will reveal who was behind such a major incident -- that too in the national capital, at a site that symbolises our independence. Such an act at a place representing the country's freedom is deeply condemnable.

We must trust the investigating agencies, but we must also introspect -- where are we failing, and why do such incidents continue to happen? he asked.

Turning to the Bihar Assembly elections, Akhilesh Yadav claimed that the first phase of polling has clearly indicated a setback for the BJP.

The first phase has made it clear that the BJP is losing the Bihar elections. Half the votes have already been cast, and the people have given their verdict. The Grand Alliance will secure a clear majority, he said, adding that the SP firmly stands against divisive politics.

The SP chief said his party is training its cadre to help eligible citizens get their names added to the voters' list and to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level. This is not just a political battle; it is a battle of ideas and vision, he remarked.

Army to install wind turbines at 20 locations along border

SHIMLA

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday met with senior officers of the Army's Central Command and reviewed a proposal to install wind turbines at 20 locations with a combined generation capacity of nearly 80,000 kWh annually along the international border. The Chief Minister assured the Army of the state government's full cooperation in the execution of its projects.

It was informed during the meeting that the Army is considering setting up a wind turbine project at 20 locations in the border areas for which the detailed project report has been prepared. The project is expected to generate between 68,000 and 80,000 kWh of energy annually, sufficient to electrify 120 to 160 households. Chief Minister Sukhu noted with satisfaction that the border tourism initiative, launched jointly by the state government and the Army, is showing encouraging results.

Tourist inflow in the border regions has seen a remarkable rise from around 21,000 visitors in 2024 to over 70,000 in 2025, a three-and-a-half-fold increase, he said. The Chief Minister directed officials to ensure hassle-free facilities for tourists visiting the border areas to enhance their overall experience.

Chief Minister Sukhu also informed that the state government has written to the Union Government regarding the resumption of trade activities through Shipki La and that positive indications have been received.

TECH-ERA TERROR

Red Fort Blast: How everyday tools became weapons of terror

The recent car blast near Delhi's Red Fort has exposed a chilling reality about modern terrorism. Officials are investigating possible links between the attack's perpetrators and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), a Pakistan-based terror group, according to NDTV. What makes this incident particularly disturbing is how ordinary items and popular apps were weaponized to create chaos in the heart of India's capital.

The explosive that hides in plain sight

The blast was caused by an ANFO bomb, made from ammonium nitrate and fuel oil. Now, ammonium nitrate might sound like a complex chemical, but it's actually a common fertilizer that farmers use in their fields every day. When mixed with fuel oil, however, it transforms into a deadly explosive.

During a raid in Faridabad, Haryana, police discovered approximately 3,000 kg of explosives at two houses, including 350 kg of ammonium nitrate—the same material used in the Red Fort attack. That's enough explosive material to cause multiple devastating attacks. The sheer quantity found raises serious questions about how such large amounts were accumulated without detection.

The human element behind the horror

Intelligence sources believe four terrorists were involved in the Red Fort blast—three men and one woman who disguised themselves as doctors. This detail is particularly unsettling. Doctors are symbols of healing and trust in our society. Using this profession as a cover shows how terror groups exploit our basic human tendency to trust healthcare workers.

Three suspects have been arrested: Adil Ahmad Rather, Mujammil Shakeel, and Shaheena Shahid. The fourth person, Umar Mohammed, is believed to have died in the blast itself. Forensic evidence indicates the bomb was detonated manually, and CCTV footage confirms he never exited the vehicle after entering Delhi on Monday morning.

When your messaging app becomes a terror tool

Umar Mohammad was part of a radical doctors' group that used Telegram to plan and communicate. The blast appears to have been triggered in panic after two of his doctor associates were arrested for their connection to JeM's terror network.

For most of us, Telegram is just another way to chat with friends or join interest groups. But terrorists have discovered its appeal too. The app's simple design, public channels, and strong encryption have made it popular worldwide, but these same features also make it attractive for criminal activities.

While legitimate users like Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky have used Telegram for positive purposes such as rallying people during the Russian invasion, the platform is increasingly being exploited for terrorism, crime, fake news, and hate speech.

The women's wing: A new threat

Investigators believe Shaheena Shahid heads JeM's India operations for its women's wing, called Jamat ul-Muminat, which intelligence reports say was formed in August 2025 after Operation Sindoor. The group has placed Masood Azhar's sister, Sadiya Azhar, in charge, and she along with her sister Samaira Azhar has been conducting 40-minute online sessions to influence and recruit women.

This represents a dangerous evolution in terror tactics. By specifically targeting women for recruitment, these groups are expanding their reach into demographics that traditionally received less scrutiny from security agencies.

The takeaway

The Red Fort blast demonstrates how terrorists are adapting to modern times. They're using common chemicals, trusted professions as disguises, and popular apps for coordination. The most effective counter-terrorism strategy isn't just about physical security—it's about awareness. Understanding how everyday tools can be misused is the first step in preventing future attacks. As citizens, staying alert and reporting suspicious activities remains our collective responsibility in keeping our nation safe.

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DEFENCE & SPACE ANALYST

Jilted lover slits woman's throat at bus stand in Balaghat

BALAGHAT

In a chilling act of violence and apathy that has sent shockwaves through Madhya Pradesh, a 23-year-old woman was brutally murdered in broad daylight at a busy bus stop, her throat slit by a jilted lover while onlookers filmed the incident instead of intervening and helping the victim. The gruesome attack that was captured on multiple mobile phones, occured around 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Amgaon Fata in the Baihar tehsil of Balaghat district, turning a routine morning commute into a scene of unimaginable horror.

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6	Savitha T, Mahadevashety S, Shantaraju M, /MHL00900000171/ Vivekananda Circle	Property Bearing No. 150/127/2, P.I.D. No. 152200606156020609, Situated At Ravanduru Grama, Ravanduru Gramapanchayat, Periyapatna Block, Mysore (D). Karnataka - 571108 Measuring: E-W: 6.00 Meter & N-S: 6.00 Meter. East-House of Nanjamma, West-House of Chandrashekararadhya., South-Road, North-House of R. D. Dasharatha	14-07-2025 & Rs.356440/-	07-11-2025
7	Kumar C G, Rekha P, Manjunatha Nayaka P, /NHL00340024971/ Mysore	Property Bearing No.19-1-105-4E, Property Old No. 134/B-124/B, Assessment No.134/B-124/B, Situated At Ward No.19, Railway Badavane, Chamarajanagara, Karnataka - 571313 Total Measuring 48.0775138 Square Meters. East-House Belongs To Nagarajanaika, West-House Belongs To Naganayaka., South-Private House, North-Road	14-07-2025 & Rs.389467/-	07-11-2025
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9	N Shantha, Anjinappa D, Gangamma R, /MHL00480020492/ Davangare	All That Piece And Parcel of Village Panchayth Property No. 355/383, E-Swathu No. 151000402100600361, Measuring East-West 9.144 Meter, North-South 12.191 Meter, Totally Measuring 111.47 Sq.mtrs, Wherein House Constructed Measuring 111.47 Sq.mtrs, Situated At Shivaganga Village, Holalkere Taluk Within The Limits of Village Panchayth Shivaganga, Holakere Block, Karnataka - 577526. East-Road, West-Site No.61, South-Road, North-Site No.73.	14-07-2025 & Rs.413938/-	07-11-2025
10	Neela Bai, Kencha Naik G C, Puneeth Naik K, /MHL00480020388/ Davangare	All That Piece And Parcel of Village Panchayath Property No. 97, E-Swathu No. 151200100100574, Measuring East West 4.572 Meter, North South 18.288 Meter= 83.61 Sq. Mtrs, Wherein House Constructed Measuring 45.99 Sq. Mtrs, Situated At Thippagondanahalli Village, Channagiri Tq, Davangere District, Within The Limits of Village Panchayath Thippagondanahalli, Channagiri Block, Karnataka, Pin Code: 577213.. East-House Of Kamalibai, West-House of Premibai, South-Road, North-Road	14-07-2025 & Rs.413779/-	07-11-2025
11	Rudramma, K R Lingaraju, Durugamma, Malajjara Mallapa Ramappa, /MHL00480040511/ Davangare	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property No. 138, E Swathu No151200201000900075, Measuring 9.144 X 12.192 Mts i.e 111.48 Sq Mts, Situated At Kaidal Campvillage, Kaidal Gram Panchayath, Davangere Taluk, Davangere Dist, Karnataka, Pin Code: 577525. East-Property of Pavithra W/O Vijaykumar, West-Property of Talikere Ningappa, South-Road, North-Property of Geetha W/O Mallikarjun	14-07-2025 & Rs.428545/-	07-11-2025
12	Shivakumar K, Kalaiah S, Chinnamma K, /NHL00340023131/ Mysore	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 43, P.I.D No. 152200102501500324, Situated At B.matakere Grama, B. Matakere Gramapanchayat, Saraguru Block, Mysore (D). Measuring: E-W: 9.144 Meter & N-S: 12.192 Meter. Admeasuring: 111.48 Sq Mts, Karnataka, Pin Code: 571121. East-Road, West-House of Puttaswy, South-Temple Road, North-House of Papaiah	14-07-2025 & Rs.507356/-	07-11-2025
13	Gangappa Ningappa Nayak, Sujata Gangappa Nayak, Basappa Nagappa Nayak, /NHL00980031739/ Belgaum	All That Piece And Parcel of The Residential Property Bearing No. G.P No.41/3, Rdpr P.I.D. No. 15040030280 1100206, Situated At Hallur Village, Tummaraguddi Gram Panchayat, Belagavi Block, Belagavi (D). Measuring: East To West: 7.62 Meter And North To South: 15.6972 Meter. Admeasuring: 119.61 Square Meters. [7.62 X 15.6972 = 119.61] Within The Limits of Gram Panchayath Tummaraguddi, Tal: & Dist: Belagavi, Within The Limits of Jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar Belagavi, Belgaum, Karnataka, Pin Code: 590016. East-Property of Shankar Balappa Nayak, West-Property of Bharamappa Ningappa Nayak, South-Road, North-Property of Basappa Tokalli	14-07-2025 & Rs.538767/-	07-11-2025
14	Shivarudregowda B M, Rajamma M, Hema S, /NHL00900028265/ Vivekananda Circle	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing No. 177, P.I.D No.150800101300420072, Situated At Budamballi Grama, Gulipura Gramapanchayat, Chamarajanagara Block, Chamarajanagara (D). Measuring: E-W: 12.8016 Meter &, N-S: 5.1816 Meter Admeasuring 66.36 Sq Mts, Karnataka, Pin Code: 571117. East-Road, West-House of Shashikala., South-Site of Puttaswamy, North-Nanjegowda's Ubbe Ole	14-07-2025 & Rs.543959/-	07-11-2025
15	Krishnappa R, Jayalakshmamma V, Madappanahalli Krishnappa Sathisha, /NHL00920026385/ Vinayanagar Ramnagara	Property Bearing No.300, P.I.D. No. 152500402001200326, Madappanahalli Village, D. Hosahalli Gramapanchayath, Kunigal Taluk, Tumakuru District, Karnataka - 572123 Measuring Totally 68.285 Sq. Mtr. East-Conservancy After Muniyanna S/O Chikkathayamma, West-Conservancy After Motaiahara Krishna, South- Conservancy After Channappara Shivanna, North-Road	15-07-2025 & Rs.187465/-	07-11-2025
16	Ramesha K, Meena R, Ramya R, /NHL00900031007/ Vivekananda Circle	Property Bearing No.168/1, P.I.D No.152100701600820572, Situated At Mundugadore Grama, Mundugadore Gramapanchayat, Srirangapatna Block, Mandya (D). Karnataka - 571807 Admeasuring 30.01 Sq Mts. East-Property of Baby, West-Common Wall & House of Mamatha, South-Common Wall & House of Mamatha, North-Road	15-07-2025 & Rs.472115/-	07-11-2025
17	Mahesha R, Nagamma R, Ramashetty J, Lingaraju R, /NHL00340006501/ Mysore	Property Bearing Nerale Gramapanchayathi Property No. 96/22 And As Per Form No. 11 B Unique No. 152200502000100651 Situated At Nerale Village, Nanjanagudu Taluk, Within The Jurisdiction of Nerale Gramapanchayathi Karnataka - 571312 Measuring East To West : 9.144 Meters And North To South = 12.192 Meters. East-House of Devashetty, West-House of Mahadevashetty, South-Road, North-House of Nanjundashetty	15-07-2025 & Rs.682830/-	07-11-2025
18	Siddesha P, Suresh P, P Radhamma, Kariyamma P, /NHL00480018701/ Davangare	Village Panchayath Property No. 78, E-Swathu No. 151200601600400283, Measuring 7.62 X 14.32 Meter = 109.11 Sq. Mtrs Situated At Chikkabannihatti Village, Jagalur Taluk, Within The Limits of Village Panchayath Hosakere, Jagalur Block, Karnataka - 577528. East-House of Gurukapla Gurusiddappa, West-House of Jogappa, South-Road, North-House of Shantaveerappa	15-07-2025 & Rs.705927/-	07-11-2025
19	Praveen Manteshappa Devagiri, Renuka Mantesh Devagiri, Mantesh Basavaneppa Devageri, Shekharappa Hanumantappa Kudari, /NHL00260004710/ Hubli	Residential Property Bearing Vpc No.524, Property No.151700601300100398 Measuring Total 111.48 Sq Mtr In Rs No.83/1A. Situated At Tallihalli Village Within Jallapur Gram Panchayath, Tq: Savanur, Dist: Haveri, Karnataka - 581118. East-Property of Honnappa Devageri, West-Govt. Road, South-Property of Savakka Yettinamath, North-Govt. Road	15-07-2025 & Rs.926529/-	07-11-2025
20	Sunitha K, Nagraja K, /MHL00510030208/ Shimoga	Property No. 173, E-Property No. 152400403700100693, Measuring Total 139.35 Sq. Meter, Situated At Mathikote Village, Mathikote Village Panchayath Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamogga District, Karnataka - 577427. East-Site No. 174, West-Site No. 172, South-Panchayath Road, North-Conservancy Road	15-07-2025 & Rs.227127/-	07-11-2025
21	Sumabai B, Manjunathanayaka J, /MHL00510018548/ Shimoga	Rdpr Khata No.151200503900400257, As Per Grampanchayat Record Property Si No.10 Measuring In Total 78.04 Sq Meter House Property Situated At Hanumasagara, Hanumasagara Gram Panchayat. Honnali Taluk And Davanagere District, Karnataka - 577217. East-Property of Nagyanaik, West-Property of Hemlibai, South-Road, North-Property of Krishnanaik	15-07-2025 & Rs.295153/-	07-11-2025
22	Komalamma B, Shivaraj Kumar B, /MHL00510012276/ Shimoga	PropertyNo.3/9/A, E-PropertyNo.152400503100100013, Measuring Total 222.96 Sq. Meter, Situated At Pillangere Village, Pillangere Village Panchayath, Shivamogga Taluk And District, Karnataka - 577227. East-Conservancy Road, West-Panchayath Road, South-Property of Eshawarappa S/O Halappa, North-Property of Karibasappa S/O Basappa	15-07-2025 & Rs.351513/-	07-11-2025
23	Sarojamma K, Shridhara B K, Krushnappa H, /MHL00510015965/ Shimoga	Property No. 53, E-Property No. 152400404300300430, Measuring Total 167.23 Sq. Meter, Situated At Bhadrapura Vpillage, Taralaghatta Village Panchayath, Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamogga District, Karnataka - 577427. East-Site No. 54, West-Site No. 52, South-Road, North-Road	15-07-2025 & Rs.380294/-	07-11-2025
24	Shobha Bai, Siddesh Naika /MHL00910041297/ Hassan	All That Piece And Parcel of The Site And House Property Bearing No. 1516002027004202 80, Gram Panchayath Property No. 36, And Property Situated At Bendekere Village, Bendekere Gram Panchayath, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District Measuring: East To West: 10.06 Meters And North To South: 16.77 Meters, Totally Measuring 168.69 Square Meters And Constricted Plinth Area 168.69, Karnataka, Pin Code: 573103. East-Site Property of Sri. Shenkar Naika, West-Road, South-Agricultural Property of Sri. Ramesh, North-House Property of Smt. Neela Bai.	15-07-2025 & Rs.529791/-	07-11-2025
25	Ravikantha B, Sharanamma R, Sanna Basappa R, /NHL01170040903/ Raichur	All That Piece And Parcel of The Residential House Property Bearing Panchayath No: 574 Its E Property No: 152300301200120169 Measuring Ew: 18.288 Meter, Ns: 6 Meter, Totally Measuring 109.73 Sq Meter, In Which The Plinth Area Measuring 109.73 Sq Meter, Situated At Halapur Village Within Limits of Gram Panchayath Halapur Tq Maski Dist Raichur, Within The Limits of Jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar Lingasagur, Karnataka, Pin Code: 584120.. East-Road, West-House Of Kariyappa, South-Road, North-House of Chandrakanth (As Per Namune 11B)	15-07-2025 & Rs.534250/-	07-11-2025
26	Vanajakshi GM, Ravi Kumar BT, Yallamma G, /NHL01430044403/ Nelamangala	All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing Katha No.74 And E-Katha No.152500502200120666, Measuring East To West: 6.096 Meters And North To South: 10.6680 Meters, Situated At Kalidevapura Village, Kodigena Halli Hobli, Madhugiri Taluk, Tumkur District, Under The Limit of Kalidevapura Gramapanchayathi, Karnataka, Pin Code: 572127. East-Remaining Property, West-Property of B. T. Ramakrishnappa, South-Property of Nayathappa, North-Road	15-07-2025 & Rs.640451/-	07-11-2025

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India receives global support after deadly Delhi blast

Dublin

Condolences pour in from several world leaders and foreign envoys to India following the deadly car blast near the Red Fort Metro Station in Delhi, which claimed eight lives and left several injured. The blast occurred on Monday evening when a Haryana-registered car parked near Gate No.1 of the Red Fort Metro Station exploded, killing at least eight people and injuring dozens. Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister Simon Harris took to his social media to extend solidarity with the people and the Indian government.

Thousands join Bhutan King in praying for Delhi blast victims

Thimphu

Bhutanese King Druk Gyalpo on Tuesday led a prayer for the victims of the Delhi blast, during a ceremony at Changlimethang Stadium in Thimphu. He was joined by thousands of Bhutanese people who expressed solidarity with India. The Bhutanese leadership conveyed their heartfelt condolences on the tragic loss of lives in the car blast near Delhi's Red Fort Metro Station. The blast occurred in New Delhi on Monday evening when a Haryana-registered car parked near Gate No. 1 of the Red Fort Metro Station exploded, killing at least eight people and injuring dozens.

India-Chile to deepen co-op across diverse sectors

The areas include trade, investment, health, pharmaceuticals, mining, education, space, and defence

SANTIAGO

India and Chile held their 9th round of Foreign Office Consultations in Santiago, reaffirming their shared commitment to strengthening cooperation across a wide spectrum of sectors, including trade, investment, health, pharmaceuticals, mining, education, space, and defence.

The meeting, co-chaired by P Kumaran, Secretary (East) in India's Ministry of External Affairs, and Ambassador Rodrigo Olsen, Secretary General of Chile's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reviewed progress on discussions held earlier between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Gabriel Boric during the latter's state visit to India in April 2025. Both sides agreed

to accelerate negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) for early conclusion, emphasizing its potential to boost economic growth and bilateral trade.

India requested Chile to consider long-term agreements for the supply of mineral resources, while both countries expressed intent to diversify cooperation into emerging fields such as Digital Public Infrastructure, green energy, and innovation.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) highlighted that visa facilitation for Indian professionals and business visitors was discussed, including Chile's proposed multiple-entry visa for Indian businesspersons, announced earlier this year by President Boric.

The consultations also explored cooperation in customs, recognition of Indian pharmacopoeia, traditional medicine and Yoga, social security, capacity building in security, education, and science and technology. Additionally, both nations underscored the importance of enhancing people-to-people ties through cultural exchanges and educational linkages.

The MEA stated that the dialogue served as an important platform to assess ongoing collaborations and identify new avenues for partnership. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to expediting pending agreements and expanding cooperation in areas of mutual interest to foster a more comprehensive and future-oriented partnership.

Anti-Hindu bigot Gavai Must apologize & Resign NOW!
"PRAY TO LORD VISHNU"
TOP COURT MOCKS PLEA TO RESTORE BEHEADED MURTHI
STOPHINDUGENOCIDE.ORG/GAVAI

Hindu group takes CJI's Lord Vishnu remarks to Times Square

NEW YORK

Members of the Hindu diaspora gathered in New York City's Times Square for a digital billboard campaign and public rally organised to voice concerns over recent remarks made by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai during a Supreme Court of India hearing. The voiced opposition was organised by Stop Hindu Genocide.

The community on November 8, wrote an open letter addressed to CJI Gavai, circulated by organisers and available on the website StopHinduGenocide.org. The letter referred to a September 16 hearing involving a petition to restore a historic idol of lord Vishnu at the Khajuraho temple site, overseen by the Archaeological Survey of India. During the proceedings, the CJI reportedly suggested the petitioner seek divine intervention through prayer, a comment that some interpreted as dismissive of Hindu beliefs.

The event, which commenced in Duffy Square in New York City (Times Square) on November 8 and will reportedly go on till November 12, drew attention to what organisers described as a perceived insensitivity toward Hindu religious sentiments, urging a formal apology from the CJI. The Hindu group also targeted other Supreme Court judges, including former Chief Justices DY Chandrachud and UU Lalit, retired judge Abhay S Oka, and CJI-designate Justice Surya Kant, over past judgments and remarks they had made. The campaign featured digital billboards displaying messages calling for accountability and respect for Hindus.

The participants were mainly Hindu NRIs and Hindu Americans, who carried banners highlighting a series of judicial rulings they believe warranted greater consideration of cultural and religious contexts.

'India-Afghan Friendship Dam' eases again farmers of arid Herat

HERAT

The release of water from the Afghan-India Friendship Dam, also known locally as the Salma Dam, into the Harirud River this week has brought much-needed relief to farmers in Afghanistan's Herat province, who have been struggling under drought-like conditions, according to local reports.

Jointly inaugurated by former Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 4, 2016, the dam remains one of the most significant symbols of India-Afghanistan cooperation. Located in Chist-e-Sharif in western Afghanistan, the multipurpose project was designed to generate 42 MW of electricity, irrigate 75,000 hectares of farmland, and provide water for domestic and industrial use.

With a massive storage capacity of approximately 633 million cubic metres, the Salma Dam stands 104.3 metres high and stretches 540 metres in length. The dam's release of water this week is expected to rejuvenate agriculture in the region, significantly benefiting farmers whose livelihoods depend on irrigation from the Harirud River.

Water release from Afghan-India Friendship Dam brings relief to drought-hit Herat farmers

Constructed by WAPCOS Ltd., a Government of India enterprise under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, the project was completed after years of challenging work by around 1,500 Indian and Afghan professionals. The construction process faced numerous hurdles, including security threats and logistical challenges in transporting materials through Iran's Bander-e-Abbas port to the Afghan border—over 1,200 kilometres away.

A symbol of close bonds

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- It is a multipurpose project planned for generating 42 MW of power, irrigating 75,000 hectares of land, water supply and other benefits to the people of Afghanistan.

Security concerns have persisted even after completion, with militia groups attempting attacks near the dam site in recent years. Despite these challenges, the Afghan administration's decision to release water has reaffirmed the project's critical role in supporting regional agriculture and the enduring legacy of India-Afghanistan partnership in infrastructure and development.

Arctic blast brings freezing temps, high winds in US

CHICAGO

Some of this autumn's coldest weather yet is bearing down on the United States, enveloping the eastern two-thirds of the country in Arctic air and affecting millions of people.

National Weather Service forecasters said the weather could bring record low temperatures in the U.S. Southeast, including all of Florida, where parts of the state were near 80 degrees (27 C) just a day ago.

The cold air brought gusty wind and red flag warnings in the Great Plains and forecasters said the Great Lakes and Appalachian Mountain regions could see 4 inches (10 centimetres) to 8 inches (20 centimetres) of snow, according to the Associated Press. Around Lake Erie, forecasters warned of possible lake-effect snow, where copious amounts can fall in relatively narrow bands, drastically increasing snowfall near the water while leaving other nearby areas untouched. Cold weather warnings were issued for Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, with freezing temperatures predicted for a large swath farther south, from Texas and Oklahoma to Alabama and Georgia.

CHINA REMOVES TWO POPULAR LGBT APPS

HONG KONG

Two of China's most popular gay-dating apps have disappeared from app stores in the country, reinforcing fears of a widening crackdown on LGBTQ+ groups and online content. 'Blued' and 'Finka' were not available on Apple's App Store as of Tuesday and the apps had been erased from locally adapted platforms that serve Android devices.

The Google Play Store app is blocked in China as part of the government's vast censorship apparatus known as the 'Great Firewall'. China operates one of the world's most extensive online censorship and surveillance regimes that scrubs political dissent and criticism of the ruling Communist Party's leadership and ideologies, including a drive against feminine portrayals of men in pop culture.

China's LGBTQ+ community has faced an intensifying crackdown since Xi Jinping came to power more than a decade ago. Authorities have ramped up control over what they consider the undue influence of Western values, with Pride parades canceled, films and TV shows featuring same-sex themes banned, and China's most popular messaging app WeChat shutting down

dozens of LGBTQ accounts.

There has been no official announcement about the apps' removal from the app stores in China, where regulators routinely remove content without explanation. But a source familiar with the matter told CNN that it appeared to be related to compliance issues.

CNN has reached out to Apple, Blued, Finka and the Cyberspace Administration of China for comment. Apple said it removed the apps from its China store after a request from the country's internet regulator, tech website Wired reported.

Based on an order from the Cyberspace Administration of China, we have removed these two apps from the China storefront only, the phone maker said in a statement to Wired, adding: We follow the laws in the countries where we operate.

Asim Munir's military coup in Pak, without the military

LAHORE

In Pakistan, a fourth coup is seemingly underway. It's the quietest one, and unlike most coups—takeovers at midnight, or with guns. This time, it's constitutional with the help of a puppet regime. This soft coup would hollow out Pakistan further from within.

The proposed 27th Constitutional Amendment, which was passed by the Senate, legalises military supremacy, placing the chain of command, nuclear authority, and even the judiciary under Field Marshal Asim Munir's control. Munir's power grab is significant for New Delhi because it creates a dangerous asymmetry with India, where the civilian leadership has the operational control of the defence forces.

Pakistan has been scarred by three military coups since its formation, by Generals Ayub Khan (1958), Zia-ul-Haq (1977) and Pervez Musharraf (1999). But a fourth coup, being staged by Asim Munir, might be the boldest consolidation of power by any military leader in Pakistan—something which both Zia and Musharraf couldn't pull off.

The Constitutional Amendment seeks to restructure the military hierarchy under Munir and eliminate rival positions. It reportedly also grants five-star generals like himself immunity from all kinds of legal proceedings, according to Pakistani journalist Imran Riaz Khan. A distinguished Pakistani lawyer, Makhdoom Ali Khan, described the amendment as a parallel authority insulated from the very rule of law it is sworn to defend.

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Brain-Bender: Can You Solve It?

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Solutions to Yesterday's Puzzle

Fill a 9×9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3×3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

NCP warns of 'ballot or bullet revolution' in B'desh

DHAKA

As Bangladesh braces for its general elections in February 2026, political tensions have escalated sharply with the National Citizens Party (NCP) issuing a stark warning that it is prepared for either a ballot revolution or a bullet revolution. The provocative statement came from NCP Chief Coordinator Nasiruddin Patwary during a discussion held at the party's headquarters in Dhaka, according to local media reports.

If Bangladesh continues on the democratic path, NCP is ready for a ballot revolution. But if blood must be shed, we are ready for a bullet revolution too, Patwary declared, as quoted by The Daily Star. The remark comes amid intensifying clashes between political factions and growing uncertainty over the country's electoral roadmap.

Patwary directly attacked the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), warning that if it resisted political reform, it would face the same fate as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's regime. He also criticised leftist groups, accusing them of betraying the working class and aligning with BNP under the Consensus Commission for political convenience. They have sold their ideals for a few seats, he alleged.

Taking a veiled swipe at Jamaat-e-Islami, Patwary asserted that NCP rejects religiously motivated politics, saying, We do not believe in politics that exploit religion for votes.

Meanwhile, NCP Joint Convener Sarwar Tushar accused BNP and Jamaat of obstructing institutional reforms and prioritising personal gain over national development. He also criticised the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government for becoming inactive after drafting the July Charter, a proposed reform roadmap.

CHRONIC ECONOMIC MALADIES

Amid tensions with US, high inflation back on Venezuela streets

CARACAS

As Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro faces growing US military pressure and calls for his resignation, an old foe is returning to haunt him in his own backyard: Inflation, one of Venezuela's chronic economic maladies, is on the rise again.

Prices are growing every day, said Yon Michael Hernandez, 25, a motorcycle taxi driver in the slum of Petare, east of Caracas.

Corn flour is 220 bolivars today, it may be 240 tomorrow and 260 the day after, and the same package that might have cost you one dollar 15 days ago is worth three now, Hernandez told CNN. He referred to the Venezuelan currency and to the pre-cooked flour used to make arepas, the ubiquitous corn pancakes that are a daily staple.

In the three months since the Pentagon deployed warships and aircraft in a campaign that the White House said was aimed at drug traffickers from Venezuela, the bolivar has depreciated around 70% against the US dollar, according to data from the central bank, hemorrhaging one point every day.

In the illegal but widely used currency black market, the drop has been just as steep. At the official rate, the US dollar is pegged at about 231 Venezuelan bolivars. On the black market, a dollar is worth roughly a third more. The Venezuelan government prohibits publishing black market exchange rates.

The surge in inflation is linked – although only partially – with the growing tensions between the Trump administration and the Maduro government, which has been under US Treasury Department sanctions for almost a decade.

QUICK READ

India's pvt hospital sector to almost double to $202 bn

New Delhi

India's private hospital sector is projected to reach $202.5 billion by 2030 from an estimated $122.3 billion in 2025, driven by rising demand, private investment, government initiatives and technology adoption such as AI and telemedicine, a report said on Tuesday. India needs 2.4 million additional hospital beds, necessitating 2 billion square feet of space to build the healthcare infrastructure, the report from credit rating agency Brickwork Ratings said. The sector recorded 72 deals worth $3.5 billion in Q3 2025, up 166 per cent quarter on quarter in total deal value.

India's job market shows steady revival with 11 pc hiring intent

New Delhi

The overall hiring intent in India for 2026 stands at 11 per cent, up from 9.75 per cent in 2025, signalling a discernible improvement in employment sentiment, a report said on Tuesday. This uptick reflects India Inc's transition from a phase of cautious replacement hiring to active workforce expansion. The optimism is led by the banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) sector. The sector leads hiring sentiment at 20 per cent, followed by core industries such as metal and mining, power, utilities, steel, and cement at 12 per cent, a report by Taggd in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) stated.

US firm Federal Card Services enters India with $250 mn investment

Mumbai

US-based Federal Card Services (FCS) on Tuesday announced its entry in India with an investment of $250 million across its three core business pillars -- technology, real estate, and services. As part of this expansion, the global leader in premium metal and sustainable payment cards is developing its first manufacturing facility in Pune. The new plant will produce 100 per cent metal cards and biodegradable cards, marking a major milestone in India's growing fintech manufacturing ecosystem.

Rajnath stresses innovation to make India a global tech leader

Defence Minister Highlights Expanding Defence Industrial Base at Defence Dialogue

NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday underscored India's growing technological prowess, stating that the country's defence industrial base is rapidly expanding through synergy between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the Armed Forces, industry, and academia. He said this collaboration has created a virtuous cycle of research, testing, field feedback, and innovation that is propelling India toward self-reliance in defence technologies.

Addressing the inaugural session of the Delhi Defence Dialogue, organised by the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) on the theme 'Harnessing New Age Technology for Defence Capability Development', Singh said India must transition from being a consumer to a creator of technology. This, he stressed, requires not only acquiring cutting-edge innovations but also creating an ecosystem where niche products can thrive through agile institutions, streamlined processes, and strong collaboration between soldiers, scientists, startups, and strategists.

India can no longer be content with merely catching up to global innovation, the minister asserted, calling for a cultural shift that prioritises collaboration over silos and agility over bureaucratic delay.

Highlighting key government initiatives such as Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and the Technology Development Fund (TDF), Singh said these platforms are fostering a new generation of innovators and entrepreneurs contributing to national security. They are the architects of a future where cutting-edge technologies — from autonomous systems and quantum sensors to advanced materials and space-based surveillance — will bear the imprint of Indian ingenuity, he said.

India poised to become 3rd largest consumer market

NEW DELHI

India, at its current rate of growth, is likely to emerge as the world's third-largest consumer market in 2026 and third-largest economy by 2028, next only to the US and China, according to a UBS report. India's household consumption nearly doubled in the past decade to $2.4 trillion in 2024, recording a 7.9 per cent CAGR, stronger than China, the US and Germany. Our estimates indicate India's consumer market is on track to become the world's third largest in 2026, well before its GDP does by 2028, according to the UBS report.

India's real GDP growth is likely to stabilise at 6.4 per cent year-on year in FY27 and 6.5 per cent in FY28, on supportive policy and strong domestic demand, making it the fastest growing economy in the Asia Pacific (APAC) region in 2027, followed by Philippines (GDP growth at 6.1 per cent) and Indonesia at 5.1 per cent, the report states. The report further says that GDP growth in the case of the US is expected to slow from 1.9 per cent in 2025 to 1.7 per cent in 2026 and recover to 1.9 per cent in 2027. Real GDP growth in China, is likely to slow to 4.5 per cent in 2026 (from 4.9 per cent in 2025), as the Asian giant's exports are expected to take a hit. UBS' growth forecast for India is, however, subject to a downside risk due to uncertainty related to US trade policy and India's policy response.

Firstly, in case the Donald Trump administration's 50 per cent trade tariff persists, it could pull down growth by around 50 basis points in FY27 and there would be a knock-on impact on employment, consumption and business confidence, with a further drag on investment.

: India's mutual fund AUM hits record ₹79.87 lakh crore in October, rises 5.6% month-on-month

Indian mutual fund industry's AUM hits all-time high of 79.87 lakh crore

MUMBAI

The total assets under management (AUM) of India's mutual fund industry rose by Rs 4.26 lakh crore, or 5.63 per cent month-on-month (MoM), to reach an all-time high at Rs 79.87 lakh crore in October, according to data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) on Tuesday. The mutual fund industry had an AUM of Rs 75.61 lakh crore in September.

The AUM of equity funds increased to Rs 35.16 lakh crore in the month under review, up from Rs 33.7 lakh crore in the previous month. Additionally, according to AMFI data, the number of mutual fund folios also saw a decent uptick to 256 million in the month, up from 251.9 million in September.

During the period, a total of 18 new schemes were launched across open-ended and all categories, raising a total of Rs 6,062 crore.

According to AMFI data, net equity inflows stood at Rs 24,690 crore. The inflow in gold ETF during the month totalled Rs 7,743 crore, down from a record Rs 8,363 crore in September.

Meanwhile, small-cap funds saw investments of Rs 3,476 crore, mid-cap funds attracted Rs 3,807 crore, mutual fund houses infused Rs 8,929 crore in flexi-cap funds, and large-cap funds saw an investment of Rs 972 crore.

Total inflows into debt funds stood at Rs 1.59 lakh crore for the month, compared to Rs 1.01 lakh crore in September.

At the same time, liquid funds saw the highest inflows of Rs 89,375 crore, followed by overnight funds with Rs 24,050 crore, and money market funds with Rs 17,916 crore.

According to the data, the investment in the overall hybrid mutual funds was Rs 14,156 crore, compared to Rs 9,397 crore in September. Multi-asset allocation funds saw inflows of Rs 5,344 crore, compared to Rs 4,982 crore in the previous month.

MapmyIndia Mappls to digitally power Survey of India

NEW DELHI

Homegrown digital maps and platforms company MapmyIndia Mappls on Tuesday announced that it has entered into key agreements with government-run Survey of India and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. MapmyIndia Mappls will power Survey of India's National Geo Platform, while IOCL will leverage its IoT-based location tech solutions with the company.

These deals, according to the company, will bolster its platforms and IoT suite of solutions and increase its footprint in government business and related sectors. These, along with the DMRC partnership and the expected contract with the Indian Railways, will significantly expand the company's footprint in these sectors, the statement said.

Rakesh Verma, Co-founder and Chairman and Managing Director, MapmyIndia Mappls, expressed his satisfaction in offering solutions and tech to two of India's leading organisations that are of immense national importance - Survey of India, India's premier topographic mapping agency for over two centuries and the Indian Oil Corporation, India's leading Oil manufacturing and marketing, Maharatna company.

The company will power the Survey of India's National Geo-Platform by standardising, sharing, and managing foundational geospatial datasets such as administrative boundaries, digital elevation models, geodetic reference frames and geographical names.

It will facilitate seamless access to accurate and authoritative spatial data through web services, APIs, and mobile applications, promoting data interoperability and collaboration among government departments, academia, and industry. For IOCL, the mapping company will develop and deploy an integrated and enterprise-level vehicle tracking and management system for its entire fleet of LPG Truck Vehicles on a pan-India basis.

To enhance cost optimisation, driver safety and asset security, the Internet of Things-based suite comprises geofencing, route generation and optimisation, journey risk management, fleet visibility, and emergency response features.

IndiGo begins daily flights between Delhi & Guangzhou

NEW DELHI

Low-cost airline IndiGo on Tuesday said it has commenced daily, non-stop flights between Delhi and Guangzhou, China. This new route will further strengthen direct connectivity between the two nations by connecting the national capital and a key aviation hub with Guangzhou – a major business and manufacturing centre in Southern China.

The flights on this route will be operated using IndiGo's A320neo aircraft, offering affordable, convenient, and comfortable travel experience on the route.

Following the successful resumption of our Kolkata–Guangzhou flights, we are delighted to further expand IndiGo's presence in China with this new daily connection from Delhi. This new route from the Indian Capital and our largest domestic hub, will strengthen travel options and encourage economic and cultural exchange between the two countries, said Pieter Elbers, Chief Executive Officer at IndiGo.

Rajmargyatra app surges to top of charts

Government Highlights Digital Transformation, Sustainability in India's Expanding Highway Network.

NEW DELHI

The government on Tuesday announced that the Rajmargyatra mobile application for FASTag services has become one of the most popular apps in India, climbing to 23rd overall and second in the travel category on Google Play, with over 15 lakh downloads. The app achieved this milestone just days after the launch of the FASTag Annual Pass feature, earning an impressive 4.5-star user rating.

According to an official statement, India's road infrastructure continues to witness unprecedented growth. The country's total road network has surpassed 63 lakh kilometres, while the National Highway network has expanded to 1,46,204 kilometres as of March 2025 — marking a 60 per cent increase since 2013–14. Between 2014 and 2025, India added 54,917 kilometres of new national highways, reflecting the government's sustained focus on connectivity and infrastructure development.

FASTag penetration across India has reached 98 per cent, with over 8 crore users nationwide. The recently introduced FASTag Annual Pass has already attracted 25 lakh users, facilitating around 5.67 crore transactions within two months of its August launch.

The government credited the success of Rajmargyatra and FASTag for enhancing commuter convenience, digital transparency, and toll efficiency across the national highway network.

In line with the push for sustainable infrastructure, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways highlighted initiatives like the Green Highways Mission and Mission Amrit Sarovar. Under these programs, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) planted 56 lakh saplings in 2023–24 and 67.47 lakh in 2024–25, taking the cumulative total to over 4.69 crore trees. Additionally, 467 water bodies have been developed under Mission Amrit Sarovar, contributing 2.4 crore cubic metres of soil for highway construction and saving approximately ₹16,690 crore. The government also reported the use of over 631 lakh metric tonnes of recycled materials — including fly ash, plastic waste, and reused asphalt — in 2023–24, underscoring India's growing commitment to digitalisation and green infrastructure.

SIP inflows hit all-time high of ₹29,529 cr in Oct

MUMBAI

The systematic investment plan (SIP) inflow in October registered a month-on-month (MoM) growth to reach an all-time high of Rs 29,529 crore compared to Rs 29,361 crore in September, data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed on Tuesday. Despite volatility in the domestic equity market during the month, the steady growth in SIP in the month reflects the strong retail participation, which led the mutual fund industry's total assets under management (AUM) to increase to Rs 79.87 lakh crore from Rs 75.61 lakh crore a month earlier.

Continued SIP inflow remains the most encouraging strength, holding steady at around Rs 29,500 crore. This underlines the maturity and resilience of retail investors, who are staying disciplined with their long-term wealth creation goals despite short-term market fluctuations, said Suranjana Borthakur, Head of Distribution and Strategic Alliances, Mirae Asset Investment Managers (India). We believe investors should continue their SIPs, as staying invested through market cycles remains the best way to build wealth over time, she added.

The general reading from the fund flows data shows that overall, investors remain confident of equities and continue allocating large amounts to equities, however, some investors feel less confident and are allocating to debt-oriented schemes like arbitrage, multi asset, and corporate bond funds and also to gold, said Dr. Vikas Gupta, CEO and Chief Investment Strategist at OmniScience Capital. Meanwhile, gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) continued to attract steady investor interest with net inflows of Rs 7,743 crore, the data showed.

With cumulative net inflows of Rs 27,573 crore in 2025, gold ETFs remain among the most resilient segments in the passive space, reaffirming their growing role in portfolio stability and risk mitigation, said Nehal Meshram, Senior Analyst – Manager Research, Morningstar Investment Research India.

SMARTPHONE SURGE INDIA

India's smartphone market hits 5 yr high in Q3 2025

MUMBAI

India's smartphone market surged to a five-year high in the third quarter of 2025 (Q3), growing 4.3 per cent year-over-year (YoY) to reach 48 million units, according to data released by the International Data Corporation (IDC) on Tuesday. The festive season and aggressive online promotions played a key role in boosting shipments across major brands.

Apple achieved its highest-ever quarterly shipments in India, crossing 5 million units for the first time and capturing the fourth spot in the market. The iPhone maker recorded a robust 25.6 per cent YoY growth, fueled by strong demand for both existing and newly launched models. The iPhone 16 emerged as the most-shipped smartphone in India during Q3, contributing 5 per cent of total market shipments. Meanwhile, the debut of the iPhone 17 series and the new iPhone Air accounted for 16 per cent of Apple's total Q3 shipments — marking its strongest launch-quarter performance since 2021.

IDC data showed that the mid-premium segment (₹30,000–₹45,000 range) grew 10.7 per cent YoY, expanding its market share from 3 per cent to 4 per cent. Samsung reclaimed the top spot, followed by OPPO and OnePlus. The Galaxy S24 model alone contributed nearly one-quarter of total shipments in this price range, supported by aggressive discounting on major e-commerce platforms.

Strong festive promotions and flexible financing options drove Q3 shipment volumes. However, consumer demand remained concentrated in the premium segment, leaving the mass market under pressure and creating inventory challenges heading into Q4 2025, said Upasana Joshi, Senior Research Manager, Devices Research, IDC Asia Pacific.

Priyanka Upendra Shines in Emotional Drama 'September 21'

Actress Priyanka Upendra, known for her strong and diverse performances, is set to appear in a completely new role in her upcoming bilingual film September 21. The movie, shot in both Hindi and Kannada, has finished post-production and is expected to release in 2026.

The film marks the directorial debut of 21-year-old Karen Krishti Suvarna and will be screened at the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), to be held in Goa from November 20 to 24. To celebrate Priyanka Upendra's birthday, the makers plan to unveil the first poster of the movie.

Speaking about her role, Priyanka said, This is one of the most challenging characters I have ever played. For the first time, I portray a middle-class woman, and the young director has brought it to life beautifully.

The film features noted Bollywood actors including Praveen Singh Sisodiya, Zarina Wahab, Amit Behl, Ajit Shidaye, and Sachin Patekar in important roles.

September 21 deals with Alzheimer's disease, focusing on the emotional journey of patients and the struggles of their caregivers. It highlights the pain and choices faced by families when memory fades but love remains.

The story is written by Rajshekhar, with music composed by Vinay Chandra and cinematography by Anil Kumar. The film is jointly produced by FMD Visic Films and Film Max Productions, in collaboration with Hamara Movie, founded by filmmaker Imtiaz Ali's wife, Preeti Ali.

Rajamouli, Mahesh Babu, and Priyanka Chopra gear up for 'Globetrotter'

Director S.S. Rajamouli is set to unveil his much-anticipated project SSMB29—starring Mahesh Babu, Priyanka Chopra, and Prithviraj Sukumaran—with a spectacular title-reveal event on November 15, 2025, at Ramoji Film City.

The event, reportedly titled the Globetrotter Celebration, is expected to be one of the biggest film gatherings ever, with nearly 50,000 fans anticipated to attend. The setup will include a massive 100-foot-tall, 130-foot-wide stage and screen, promising a visual spectacle befitting Rajamouli's reputation for grandeur.

A recent teaser video featuring Priyanka Chopra has already set the internet abuzz. In it, she quips, Why am I always in Hyderabad? It's the world's worst-kept secret. And it's finally time to tell you. Join us on November 15 for the big reveal at Ramoji Film City. The clip has fueled excitement about her long-awaited return to Indian cinema after six years.

SSMB29 is described as a globe-trotting jungle adventure blending action, drama, and fantasy elements—marking a bold new storytelling direction for Rajamouli. The first look of Prithviraj Sukumaran as Kumbha was released earlier, adding to the buzz surrounding the film.

While the official title remains undisclosed, speculation is rife that it may be called Varanasi. The November 15 event is expected to include character reveals, a teaser screening, and a glimpse into the film's expansive visual universe. With Mahesh Babu leading the adventure and Rajamouli at the helm, SSMB29 promises to be one of India's most ambitious cinematic experiences yet.

Allu Arjun expresses grief over Delhi Red Fort blast

South Indian superstar Allu Arjun has expressed deep grief over the tragic blast that occurred near Delhi's Red Fort on Monday evening, killing eight people and injuring several others. Taking to Instagram, the actor shared, Deeply saddened by the tragic incident near Delhi's Red Fort. My heartfelt prayers are with the victims and their families, and I wish for peace to prevail once again. Several Bollywood celebrities also conveyed their condolences. Actor Raveena Tandon described it as horrible news, writing on X, Condolences to all those bereaved families who lost their loved ones in the Delhi blast. Sonu Sood too expressed solidarity, posting, My heart reaches out to everyone impacted by today's tragic blast. Let's support the victims, look out for each other, and commit to peace. According to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the explosion occurred at around 7 p.m. when a Hyundai i20 car blew up at the Subhash Marg traffic signal near the Red Fort. The blast injured several pedestrians and damaged nearby vehicles.

Delhi Police have registered a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Explosives Act, and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Kotwali Police Station. Multiple agencies are investigating the cause and motive of the explosion.

Sources said the car had entered Delhi from Haryana via Badarpur and was allegedly purchased by a Pulwama resident. The key suspect has been identified as Dr. Umar.

Dharmendra recovering well, family denies death rumours

Veteran Bollywood actor Dharmendra, 89, is recovering well after being hospitalised for a few days, his family confirmed on Monday, dismissing widespread false reports of his death circulating on social media. The actor's wife, Hema Malini, and daughter, Esha Deol, both issued strong statements urging people not to believe the rumours.

Hema Malini took to social media to condemn the false claims, writing, What is happening is unforgivable! How can responsible channels spread false news about a person who is responding to treatment and recovering? This is extremely disrespectful and irresponsible. Please give due respect to the family's need for privacy.

Esha Deol also reassured fans, saying, My father is stable and recovering. We request everyone to give our family privacy. Thank you for the prayers for papa's speedy recovery.

Amid growing concern among fans, actor Sunny Deol's team released an official statement confirming Dharmendra's improving condition. Sir is recovering and responding to treatment. Let's all pray for his good health and long life, the statement read.

Family members, including Sunny and Bobby Deol, were seen visiting the hospital, while Hema Malini and Esha Deol left after spending time with the actor.

Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' returns to Billboard Top 100

Michael Jackson has once again proved why he remains the undisputed King of Pop. His legendary hit Thriller has re-entered the Billboard Hot 100, soaring to No. 10 after the 2025 Halloween season. With this, Jackson becomes the first artist in history to achieve Top 10 hits in six different decades — the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s, and now the 2020s.

The iconic track climbed from No. 32 to No. 10, earning Jackson yet another record for chart longevity. He surpasses Andy Williams, who had achieved Top 10 placements in five decades before his passing.

Jackson first entered the Billboard Top 10 as a solo artist in 1971 with Got to Be There. Over his extraordinary career, he scored 30 Top 10 hits, including 13 that reached No. 1. His last Top 10 entry was a posthumous feature on Drake's Don't Matter to Me in 2018.

The renewed interest in Thriller comes as anticipation builds for Michael, the upcoming biopic directed by Antoine Fuqua. The film, starring Jaafar Jackson — Michael's nephew — is set to release in theatres on April 24, 2026, after being moved from its original October 2025 date.

Featuring Miles Teller, Larenz Tate, and Laura Harrier, the movie promises to give fans a deeper look into Jackson's rise to superstardom. Produced by Graham King, John Branca, and John McClain, Michael is expected to be a heartfelt tribute to the global icon's enduring legacy.

'Aan Paavam Polladhathu' emerges as a blockbuster, crosses ₹14 crore

The Tamil film Aan Paavam Polladhathu, starring Rio Raj and Malavika Manoj, has become a surprise blockbuster at the box office. Directed by debutant Kalaiarasan Thangavel, the movie also features Vigneshkanth, Sheela, and Jensen in pivotal roles.

Following its release, the film has received rave reviews for its realistic narrative, engaging screenplay, and heartfelt performances. Notably, this marks Rio and Malavika's second collaboration after Joe, and audiences have praised their on-screen chemistry. With strong word-of-mouth and steady occupancy in theatres, Aan Paavam Polladhathu has grossed over ₹14 crore worldwide, an impressive feat for a small-budget film.

Critics and fans alike have lauded Kalaiarasan's fresh storytelling and the film's relatable treatment of contemporary themes. The movie's success has solidified its place among 2025's biggest sleeper hits, proving that good content continues to triumph at the box office.

'Mask' trailer and music launched in grand event

The trailer and music of the upcoming Tamil film Mask were launched in a grand ceremony attended by film stars, technicians, and the media. The film, produced by Andrea Jeremiah and S.P. Sokkalingam under The Show Must Go On and Black Madras Films, marks the directorial debut of Vikarnan Ashok, who worked under the mentorship of acclaimed filmmaker Vetrimaaran.

Mask features Kavin, Andrea Jeremiah, and Ruhani Sharma in lead roles and is slated for a theatrical release on November 21, 2025. Speaking at the event, producer-actor Andrea Jeremiah said, This day is very special to me — I've waited two years for it. I thank Vetrimaaran sir for his guidance and my co-star Kavin for his support. Producing this film has been a fulfilling journey, and I look forward to making many more.

Actor Kavin shared that he enjoyed his role as a politician, adding, The director and producer worked hard to make this possible. The climax will definitely leave an impact.

Director Vikarnan Ashok expressed gratitude to his mentor and the team, calling Mask a collective labor of passion.

Special guests Vijay Sethupathi, G.V. Prakash Kumar, and R.D. Rajasekhar attended the event, praising the film's team. Vetrimaaran lauded Andrea for stepping into production and wished the film great success.

With its strong performances, vibrant music, and striking visuals, Mask promises to bring a fresh cinematic experience to Tamil audiences this month.

Veteran actor Prem Chopra recovering after hospitalisation

Veteran Bollywood actor Prem Chopra, aged 92, has been admitted to Lilavati Hospital in Mumbai following a viral infection and age-related health issues. Doctors have confirmed that the actor is stable and recovering well. He is a known cardiac patient and also developed a viral infection that affected his lungs. He is not in the ICU; he is being treated in the ward, said Dr. Jalil Parkar of Lilavati Hospital. At his age, recovery takes longer, but he should be fine in three to four days and likely return home soon. Chopra was admitted two days ago under the supervision of cardiologist Dr. Nitin Gokhale.

Actor Sharman Joshi, who is married to Prem Chopra's daughter Prerana Chopra, also shared a brief update on his father-in-law's condition, saying, All good, thank you, just some tests, back tomorrow.

Known for his commanding screen presence and iconic villainous roles, Prem Chopra has acted in more than 380 films over six decades. His performances in Bobby, Do Raaste, and Kati Patang remain timeless examples of his talent and versatility.

Despite his advanced age, the actor continues to inspire generations of performers with his professionalism and enduring legacy in Hindi cinema. Fans and colleagues have expressed relief at the news of his improving health and wished him a speedy recovery.

Security Tightened in Kolkata after Delhi Blast

Police have implemented a multi-layered security plan around Eden Gardens

KOLKATA

The first Test between India and South Africa, scheduled to begin on November 14 at the Eden Gardens, will be held under heightened security measures following the deadly blast in Delhi near the Red Fort on November 10. The Kolkata Police have initiated comprehensive safety protocols to ensure the protection of players, officials, and spectators.

In response, the Kolkata Police have implemented a multi-layered security plan around Eden Gardens. The measures include strict checking at all entry and exit points, increased surveillance, and deployment of additional personnel near hotels housing the Indian and South African teams. Police Commissioner Manoj Verma is expected to visit the stadium on Tuesday to review arrangements.

Sources said both teams' travel routes between their hotels and the venue will be closely monitored. Security personnel will accompany team buses, and rehearsals will be conducted to assess response readiness. The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) is coordinating with local law enforcement to ensure smooth and safe operations throughout the Test match.

Senior police officials and CAB representatives held a late-night meeting to finalize operational details. In light of the Delhi incident, both teams will begin their practice sessions on November 11 under strict security supervision.

Despite growing concerns, authorities have assured fans that the match will proceed as planned, with "no compromise on security."

Pak Pacer Naseem Shah's House Attacked by Gunmen

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan fast bowler Naseem Shah's residence in Lower Dir came under attack, as five unidentified gunmen opened fire at his family home. Despite the shocking incident, the 22-year-old pacer has chosen to remain with the Pakistan squad ahead of their ODI series against Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi.

According to reports, the assailants fired multiple rounds at the main gate of Naseem's house before fleeing. Police confirmed that no family members were injured, though bullet marks were found on the property's front gate. Naseem's father subsequently lodged a formal complaint, and authorities have launched an investigation, assuring that the perpetrators will be apprehended soon.

Pakistani pacer's family home targeted by gunfire, but he continues national duties

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has been informed of the situation, but Naseem reportedly declined the option of returning home, expressing his commitment to continue training with the national team. "He wants to stay focused on the series and not let this distract him," a PCB source said.

Pakistan are set to play three ODIs against Sri Lanka from November 11 to 15 at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium. Naseem will spearhead the pace attack alongside Shaheen Afridi, Haris Rauf, and Mohammad Wasim Jr.

Following the ODI series, Pakistan will host Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe in a T20I Tri-Series, where Naseem is again expected to feature.

In his recent outing against South Africa, Naseem picked up three wickets in two ODIs, continuing his steady return after an injury layoff earlier this year. Police investigations in Lower Dir are ongoing, with local security heightened around the cricketer's family residence.

John Cena Becomes Grand Slam Champion after Winning Intercontinental Title

BOSTON

WWE legend John Cena has achieved one of professional wrestling's most prestigious milestones, becoming a Grand Slam champion after clinching the Intercontinental Championship — the final title missing from his illustrious career. The 48-year-old star won the belt during this week's episode of Monday Night Raw in his hometown of Boston. WWE's COO Triple H announced the surprise match early in the show, setting up a showdown between Cena and Rey Mysterio. After a fierce back-and-forth encounter, Cena triumphed with his signature Atti- tude Adjustment and STF submission, earning the pin and completing his collection of major WWE titles — world, tag team, United States, and now Intercontinental.

WWE icon achieves Grand Slam status with Intercontinental title win and $80 million fortune

Only a select few WWE superstars have achieved Grand Slam status, making Cena's win a defining career moment. The victory also comes at a time when Cena is reportedly nearing the end of his in-ring career, with ESPN earlier reporting that his final WWE appearance is expected later this year at Madison Square Garden.

Beyond wrestling, Cena's accomplishments extend into Hollywood and business. According to Celebrity Net Worth, his estimated 2025 net worth stands at around $80 million. His income sources include a $12 million annual WWE salary, blockbuster movie roles in the Fast & Furious franchise and Peacemaker series, as well as lucrative brand endorsements with Gillette and Honda. Cena also owns valuable real estate, including his Florida mansion worth approximately $4 million. His long-term wealth is bolstered by his charity work, particularly through the Make-A-Wish Foundation, where he holds the record for the most wishes granted.

Ivan Toney Linked With Premier League Return

LONDON

Several Premier League clubs are reportedly exploring the possibility of bringing English striker Ivan Toney back from Saudi Arabia after his prolific spell with Al Ahli. The 29-year-old has scored 41 goals in 59 appearances since his £40 million move from Brentford in 2024, making him one of the Saudi Pro League's standout players. However, his lucrative contract with Al Ah-li, which runs until 2028, and high wages pose major hurdles. Clubs seeking a proven scorer view Toney's Premier League record and England experience as valuable assets, though any return may depend on a loan or wage-sharing deal.

Eric Garcia Strengthens Case for Barcelona Renewal Amid PSG Interest

BARCELONA

FC Barcelona defender Eric Garcia continues to make a strong case for a contract renewal, impressing manager Hansi Flick with consistent and composed perfor-mances this season. Despite speculation linking him with a move to Paris Saint-Germain and several Premier League clubs, the 24-year-old Spaniard remains an integral part of Barça's starting lineup. According to reports, Garcia's current contract expires at the end of the season, which means he will be free to negotiate with other clubs from January 2026. PSG boss Luis Enrique is reportedly keen to reunite with the player, while English clubs are closely monitoring his situation.

Garcia's versatility — performing effectively at both right-back and centre-back — has been crucial during Barcelona's inconsistent campaign. His ability to adapt to different roles has made him "untouchable" in Flick's system.

During the clash against Celta Vigo, Garcia once again demonstrated his reliabil-ity. Playing with a protective mask after a nasal fracture, he was deployed at right-back due to Jules Kounde's fitness issues and delivered an excellent performance. He completed 63 of 66 passes in the opposition half, won four of seven duels, and recovered three balls, underlining his calm presence under pressure.

Sourav Ganguly Backs 'Fit' Mohammed Shami for India Comeback

KOLKATA

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly has voiced strong support for Mohammed Shami's return to the national team across formats, saying the seasoned pacer remains "fit and is bowling exceptionally well."

Despite Shami's impressive domestic performances, the Ajit Agarkar-led selec-tion committee has overlooked the 35-year-old for the upcoming two-Test series against South Africa. Shami last represented India in the Champions Trophy in March, and questions about his future have since intensified.

"Shami is bowling exceptionally well. He is fit, and we saw that in the three Ranji Trophy matches where he won games for Bengal on his own," Ganguly said after being unveiled as the global brand ambassador of Kabuni, a UK-based AI-driven sports coaching platform.

Having taken 15 wickets in Bengal's first two Ranji Trophy matches this season, Shami demonstrated his sharpness before going wicketless against Tripura. His re-turn to full fitness follows ankle surgery after the 2023 World Cup, where he was the tournament's leading wicket-taker with 24 scalps at an average of 10.70.

"I'm sure the selectors are watching him closely. In terms of fitness and skill, this is the Shami we all know," Ganguly said.

India Announce Squad for Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 in Dhaka

NEW DELHI

The Indian Women's Kabaddi Team has been officially announced for the upcom-ing Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025, to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from November 17 to 24. The event marks the second edition of the tournament, re-turning after 13 years since its 2012 debut, when India defeated Iran 25–19 to lift the inaugural trophy.

This will also be the first-ever Women's Kabaddi World Cup held outside India. Initially planned for Rajgir, the venue was shifted to Hyderabad and later relocat-ed to Dhaka due to logistical reasons.

Asian Games gold-winning captain Ritu Negi will once again lead the Indian side, with Pushpa Rana serving as vice-captain. Sonali Shingate, captain of India's Asian Kabaddi Championship-winning team, will also feature in the squad.

The rest of the 14-member squad includes Pooja Narwal, Bhavna Thakur, Sakshi Sharma, Pooja Kajla, Champa Thakur, Mini Narwal, Ritu Sheoran, Ritu Mith-arwal, Sanju Devi, Dhanalakshmi, and Anu Kumari. The team will be guided by experienced coaches Tejaswini Bai and Kavita Selvaraj, who bring tactical insight and leadership experience to the bench.

The 2025 Women's Kabaddi World Cup will feature 12 teams, including defend-ing champions India, runners-up Iran, and host nation Bangladesh. Other partici-pating nations are Chinese Taipei, Nepal, Thailand, Kenya, Uganda, Zanzibar, Argentina, Poland, and Germany.

As the tournament returns after more than a decade, fans can expect a high-intensity battle for global supremacy in women's kabaddi. India, the traditional powerhouse, will aim to retain their dominance and secure their second consecu-tive world title on foreign soil.

SAO PAULO

Norris Silences Critics with Commanding Sao Paulo GP Victory

McLaren star Lando Norris hit back at critics in style after a dominant weekend at the Sao Paulo Grand Prix, where he swept both the Sprint and main race to seize a 24-point lead in the Drivers' Championship. Now the frontrunner to become Britain's next Formula One world champion, Norris said he's learned to block out negativity. "Just ignore everyone that talks rubbish about you. Focus on yourself," he told reporters. Earlier this season, Norris faced scrutiny for errors and comparisons to teammate Oscar Piastri. His composed performances in Brazil, however, underscored his maturity and growing stature, marking him as the clear title favourite with three rounds remaining.

LONDON

McIlroy Honoured With New DP World Tour Trophy after Grand Slam Triumph

The DP World Tour has unveiled the Rory McIlroy Award, a new honour introduced from the 2026 season to celebrate excellence across golf's four majors. Named after McIlroy—Europe's first male golfer to complete a career Grand Slam—the award will recognise the player who earns the most Race to Dubai points from The Masters, PGA Championship, US Open, and The Open. McIlroy, who joined legends like Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus by winning all four majors, will be ineligible for the award himself. Calling it a "huge honour," McIlroy said he hoped the accolade would inspire future generations to pursue their own Grand Slam dreams.

MUMBAI

Shreyas Iyer Doubtful for S Africa ODIs amid Ongoing Injury Recovery

Indian vice-captain Shreyas Iyer re-mains doubtful for the upcoming three-match ODI series against South Africa, starting November 30. Accord-ing to medical reports, the 30-year-old requires over a month to regain full match fitness following a freak injury sustained during the recent Australia tour. The selection committee has been informed of Iyer's condition, and he is unlikely to feature in the series, which follows two Test matches beginning November 14. India are scheduled to play the ODIs in Ranchi, Raipur, and Visakhapatnam. Iyer, who has been undergoing rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy, is expected to resume light training soon but will not be rushed back into competitive action, officials confirmed.

Siraj Eyes Strong Show as India Take on SA in WTC Tests

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj confident ahead of critical WTC clash with SA

KOLKATA

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj has expressed confidence ahead of India's Test series against defending World Test Championship (WTC) winners South Africa, describing the upcoming matches as "crucial" for the new WTC cycle. The five-day series kicks off here on Friday, with India aiming to build on their recent performances.

Currently third in the WTC points table, India drew their challenging away series in England before securing a comprehensive home series win against the West Indies earlier in the cycle. South Africa, meanwhile, started their WTC defence with a 1-1 draw in an away series against Pakistan.

"This series is crucial for the new WTC cycle, especially since South Africa is the defending champion. While they drew 1-1 with Pakistan, we're confident from our own good form. We created a positive environment, performed well in England, and won against the West Indies," Siraj said in a conversation on JioStar.

Siraj emerged as India's standout performer during the demanding five-match series in England, finishing as the leading wicket-taker with 23 scalps. He carried his momentum into the home series against the West Indies, claiming 10 wickets across two matches.

"Personally, I'm bowling with good rhythm and looking to make the most of it. Facing strong teams helps identify areas to improve, and I'm really excited for this challenge," he added.

With India eager to close the gap on table-toppers, Siraj's form and confidence could prove pivotal in challenging South Africa and setting the tone for the remainder of the WTC cycle.

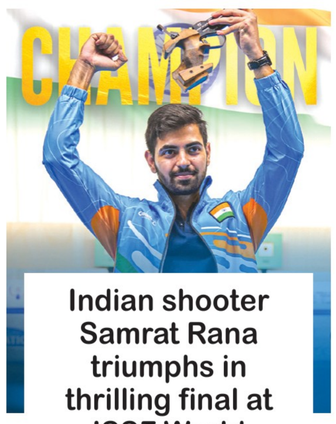
Rana Clinches Gold in Men's 10m Air Pistol at ISSF Worlds

CAIRO

Young Indian shooter Samrat Rana delivered a stunning display of precision and composure to claim the men's 10m air pistol gold at the ISSF World Championships. The 23-year-old from Karnal edged past fierce competition to etch his name on the world stage.

In a nail-biting final, Rana shot 243.7 to narrowly defeat China's Hu Kai, who secured silver with 243.3. The contest kept spectators on the edge of their seats, as lead positions shifted multiple times between the top contenders.

India's Varun Tomar, hailing from Baghpat in Uttar Pradesh, showcased remarkable skill to clinch the bronze with a score of 221.7. The podium finish highlighted India's growing dominance in the sport, with both shooters demonstrating remarkable focus under immense pressure.



Indian shooter Samrat Rana triumphs in thrilling final at ISSF World Championships

Rana's victory marks a significant milestone in his career, reflecting years of dedication, discipline, and consistent performance in international competitions. His poise during the tense final underlined his potential to become a mainstay in India's shooting lineup for years to come.

Speaking after the win, Rana expressed gratitude to his coaches and support staff, acknowledging the rigorous training and preparation that went into achieving the gold. "It's an incredible feeling to stand on top of the podium for India. Every shot counts, and I'm thrilled my efforts paid off," he said.

With this triumph, India continues to make its presence felt in global shooting events, and Rana's performance will inspire a new generation of shooters aspiring to reach the pinnacle of the sport.

KBFC Temporarily Suspend Operations amid ISL Uncertainty

CHENNAI

Kerala Blasters FC has suspended operations amid ongoing uncertainty surrounding the Indian Super League, becoming the third club after Odisha FC and Mohun Bagan Super Giant to do so. With no clarity on the league's future or new commercial partners, players and staff now face mounting financial and professional uncertainty.

Sumit Nagal's Visa Rejection Puts Wildcard Playoff Plans in Jeopardy

MUMBAI

Indian tennis star Sumit Nagal's preparation for the 2026 season has hit an unexpected roadblock after his visa application for China was rejected without explanation. The 28-year-old India No.1 had received a direct entry into the Australian Open Asia-Pacific Wildcard Playoff, scheduled to begin in Chengdu on November 24.

The winner of the playoff event earns a coveted spot in the main draw of next year's Australian Open, the season's first Grand Slam. However, the rejection of Nagal's visa application has placed his participation in serious doubt.

"I applied last week, on Monday. I'm supposed to fly to Dubai on Friday to practice for a few days, and then travel to China on November 21," Nagal said. "I applied Express, and I just got a rejection — nothing written, nothing said. And this for someone who has applied for a Chinese visa so many times. I've played in Shanghai, Beijing, and the Asian Games in Hangzhou. This is the first time ever that I've been rejected for a visa anywhere."

The setback also threatens to disrupt his training plans in Dubai, where he was scheduled to practice with France's world No.42 Alexandre Muller. Nagal has reapplied for the visa and sought assistance from India's sports ministry, but any delay could shorten his crucial training window.

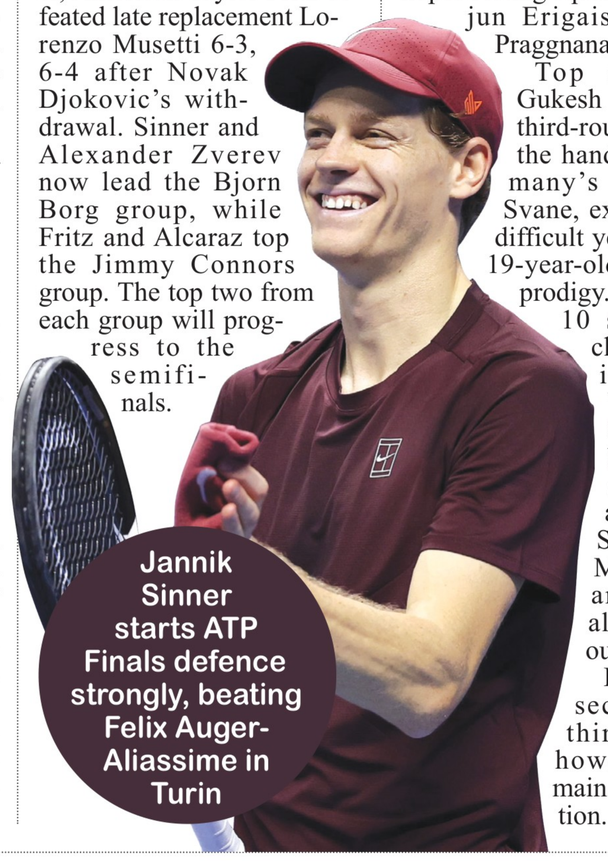
"The whole preparation goes," he admitted.

Currently ranked world No.275, Nagal is determined to climb back into the top 100 after injuries derailed his 2025 season. Following the Chengdu event, he plans to begin off-season training in Goa before competing in the ATP Challenger in Bengaluru to open the 2026 campaign.

Sinner Begins ATP Finals Title Defence with Straight-Sets Win

TURIN

Defending champion Jannik Sinner began his ATP Finals campaign with a commanding 7-5, 6-1 win over Canada's Felix Auger-Aliassime before an ecstatic home crowd in Turin. The victory keeps Sinner's hopes alive of finishing the year as world No. 1, though he must win the tournament and rely on Carlos Alcaraz not reaching the final. Auger-Aliassime, hampered by a left calf issue, struggled in the second set, allowing Sinner to dominate with 89% first-serve points won. The Italian, unbeaten against the Canadian in four meetings this year, including the U.S. Open semifinal and Paris Masters final, thrilled fans chanting his name. Earlier, American Taylor Fritz defeated late replacement Lorenzo Musetti 6-3, 6-4 after Novak Djokovic's withdrawal. Sinner and Alexander Zverev now lead the Bjorn Borg group, while Fritz and Alcaraz top the Jimmy Connors group. The top two from each group will progress to the semifinals.



Jannik Sinner starts ATP Finals defence strongly, beating Felix Auger-Aliassime in Turin

Top seed D. Gukesh suffered a third-round exit at the hands of Germany's Frederik Svane

Chess World Cup: India's Hopes Rest on Arjun Erigaisi and Praggnanandhaa

GOA

After a nerve-wracking series of tie-breakers, the Chess World Cup has reached the last 32, promising high-stakes action on the black-and-white squares. The fourth round begins on Tuesday at Resort Rio, Goa, with India's medal hopes resting squarely on Arjun Erigaisi and R. Praggnanandhaa.

Top seed D. Gukesh suffered a third-round exit at the hands of Germany's Frederik Svane, extending a difficult year for the 19-year-old Chennai prodigy. Other top 10 seeds including Anish Giri, Wesley So, Nodirbek Abdusattorov, and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov have also bowed out early.

India's second and third seeds, however, remain in contention. Arjun has been solid throughout, winning his first three classical games and drawing the fourth. Praggnanandhaa has survived some tense moments but continues to fight on. A top-three finish is essential for Arjun to maintain realistic hopes of qualifying for the Candidates Tournament, which will decide Gukesh's challenger for the next World Championship.

In the fourth round, Arjun faces Hungarian veteran Peter Leko, while Praggnanandhaa squares off against Russia's Daniil Dubov. Other Indians advancing include V. Pranav, P. Harikrishna, and Karthik Venkataraman. Meanwhile, Vidit Gujrathi, Nihal Sarin, and Aravindh Chithambaram, who were expected to progress further, have already been eliminated.The knockout format has proved unforgiving, with several big names already eliminated. Remaining top seeds, including Vincent Keymer, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Richard Rapport, and Levon Aronian, will need to stay cautious if they hope to avoid joining the growing list of early exits.

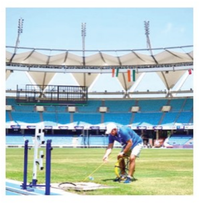
With the tournament entering its decisive stages, all eyes are on India's young stars as they attempt to carry the nation's hopes forward.

World-Class Sports City to Come Up in Delhi

NEW DELHI

The iconic Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi may soon be replaced by a state-of-the-art Sports City, if a proposal from the Sports Ministry gets approval. The ambitious plan envisions a fully integrated 102-acre complex with world-class sporting infrastructure, residential facilities, and entertainment avenues.

Currently, less than 30% of the stadium's area is actively utilised, sources said. The project aims to optimise space by creating a self-sufficient sports hub inspired by Dubai Sports City and similar international models. "The concept is to have hosting and training facilities for all major sports, residential blocks, entertainment zones, and sports clubs," the ministry added.



All offices housed within the stadium, including the headquarters of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Khelo India project office, National Anti-Doping Agency, National Dope Testing Laboratory, and Income Tax department, will be relocated as the project progresses. Newly-laid Mondo tracks at the stadium are expected to be moved to other facilities nationwide.

The stadium, originally built in 1982 for the Asian Games and upgraded in 2010, has long served as India's premier sporting venue. Its transformation into a Sports City is seen as part of a broader vision to elevate the country's sports ecosystem.

In a parallel move, the Sports Ministry has launched its largest-ever recruitment drive for assistant coaches with the SAI, appointing 320 in the first phase across 25 disciplines. "This initiative is crucial to strengthen sports development and provide structured, high-quality coaching support to athletes. We aim for 50% representation of women to ensure gender inclusivity," Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said. Phase two is expected to bring in an equal number of appointments.

If implemented, the new Sports City could redefine Delhi's sporting landscape, combining training, residential, and entertainment facilities under one global-standard hub.

NEW DELHI

Gurpreet Singh Urges AIFF to Rescue Indian Football from 'Dark Tunnel'

Goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu has urged the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to resolve the ongoing deadlock surrounding the Indian Super League (ISL), which remains suspended amid uncertainty over future investors. With Football Sports Development Limited's (FSDL) contract set to expire in December 2025, several players, including Rahul Bheke and Lallianzuala Chhangte, joined Gurpreet in appealing for action. "We, professional footballers, stand united in our plea to restart the ISL. We want to play now," Gurpreet wrote on X, expressing frustration over the prolonged impasse. The 33-year-old Bengaluru FC goalkeeper said players were ready to "walk out of the dark tunnel" if authorities matched their commitment.

SAO PAULO

Hamilton Backs Ferrari after Chairman's Rebuke: 'I Will Not Give Up'

Lewis Hamilton has expressed support for Ferrari after executive chairman John Elkann publicly criticised the team's drivers for "talking too much" and lacking focus following a disastrous Brazilian Grand Prix. Both Hamilton and Charles Leclerc failed to finish — Leclerc retiring early after a collision, and Hamilton withdrawing mid-race due to car damage — dropping Ferrari to fourth in the constructors' standings. Elkann, speaking at a sponsorship event in Italy, said, "Brazil was a big disappointment… our drivers must focus on driving and talk less." Hours later, Hamilton softened his tone, posting on Instagram: "It wasn't the race we wanted, but we will move on. I back my team. I back myself. I will not give up. Not now, not ever."

MADRID

Rodrygo Open to January Exit Amid Frustration under Xabi Alonso

Real Madrid forward Rodrygo is reportedly open to leaving the club in the January 2026 transfer window amid growing frustration over limited playing time under new manager Xabi Alonso, according to reports. The 24-year-old Brazilian, once a regular starter under Carlo Ancelotti, has seen his minutes significantly reduced this season, often coming off the bench late in matches. The latest instance came during Real's goalless draw against Rayo Vallecano, where he was introduced only in the 79th minute. Rodrygo's camp and Real Madrid are said to be open to a transfer if a suitable offer — estimated between €80-100 million — arrives.

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